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"PLUTARCH!" WHAT IS THIS?

Rev. John M. Henderson, M. D., Charged with Being the

Person Who Wrote Over That Name—Missionary Ridgel Turns Upon His Assailers—A Bitter Rejoinder.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Once more I am forced to appear in print on a controversy, that so far as I am concerned, will be dropped from henceforth.

I have just read the unmeasured attack made upon me by John M. Henderson, who shall be styled "Brutus Plutarch" in this letter. John Henderson is the Plutarch of the dead Plaindealer, whose slander attempted to destroy three of as noble men as the A. M. E. church has to day. I have abundant evidence to prove this assertion, and if necessary, will furnish the reading world with the same. Brutus Plutarch has had "running off of the mouth" ever since I knew him. Like a cursed vulture, he must stick his ministerial nose into everybody's business. I entered no controversy with him; he had nothing to do with Derrick's affairs. Why, Brutus Plutarch has made himself a regular seape goat all through the contraversy. First he jumps up to carry off Derrick's load of official negligence and meanness; secondly, he pitches into the Recorder and pronounces it unable to deal with the subject at issue; he says: "Our whole Missionary Department needs over-hauling," and lastly, he infers that our Bishops are a set of tyrants, and we have no power to curb them. Such is the tenor of his private correspondence as per Freeman, but publicly, he defends the cause of a man that he knows is not in sympathy with our missionary work.

Derrick cares no more for the African missionaries than he does for so many dogs. Did he not sarcastically style the wailings for bread that came from our poor, starving African missionaries, "Semi-monthly wailings from Africa?" When I lay on my bed at the very gates of death, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and my poor wife moneyless and without even bread to to eat, sat down and wrote our great ranting, eloquent Missionary Secretary for just any amount that he could send, at the same time giving the precarious condition in which we were placed, in a strange land, without money, no one to look to but God and the church that sent us to this country; what answer did we get? A dumb dead silence, as dead as the city of death itself.

As for Brutus Plutarch, such a non compos mentis is beneath decent notice. All on earth that calls me out in this reply, is the high-handed, devil like assault he makes upon my moral character. Why don't he come out and say what he wants to say?

Out with it, Brutus, I am prepared for you. A thousand such human monsters as you and all your clan cannot divert a single thought that may suggest itself to my mind. I want no favors of Derrick nor none of his kind. If the poor, hard laboring members of the A. M. E. church are willing to allow a set of ministerial tyrants to flit away their hard earnings, and excuse themselves by saying "We sent it to Africa alright," alright, thank God I don't want any of the missionary money. I am able to live without it. God has opened the way for me to live independent of a cent of it. You can rob the church as much as you please in the name of Africa, but mark you, I shall tell it to the world.

As for you, Brutus Plutarch, you are no man at all to allow Derrick to palm off his filth on your equally guilty and dirty back.

Brutus Plutarch claims that the people will not support any institution to which I am connected. He knows that is a premeditated, dispassionate lie. I was not even in Africa on last Easter Sabbath, '93. The church did not know but precious little about my even expecting Derrick to support me. It is strange that Brutus knows so much about my character when he never saw me, was never in my part of the country, etc. If any people ought to know me, it ought to be the people in Arkansas where I was raised and spent all my ministerial life prior to coming to Africa. I have abundant testimony to the universal approval of my deportment and religious career in Arkansas. I can furnish a number of resolutions passed by the members of my conference in Arkansas, indorsing my career. Now for an upstart like Brutus to espouse the cause of a great corpulent, fanciful and self-important, flattered, half educated general officer, is simply preposterous. But let this array of scapegoats go on. Their days have nearly passed. Derrick, of course, wants to be a Bishop, but God will hardly allow such a notorious despot to disgrace that high and sacred office.

I am not unconscious of my christian obligations in this affair. I have done my duty. The public can accept or refuse my statement, just as it pleases; it is the same to me. The A. M. E. church can continue the same set at the head of the Missionary department so far as I am concerned; I have but one man's voice, and that voice shall be lifted in the defence of right and against wrong. I have vowed to do right, but shall never worship a Bishop, General Officer or any other man for mere officer sake.

As sure as I write, the African M. E. ministry will soon tire of these ecclesiastical bosses and desperadoes, and return the blow or kick out of the harness. We live in a free age. I had just as soon be a slave to the government as to be a slave to the church. The church purports to be a divine institution where all its members enjoy equal rights and prerogatives, but we have come to the place in our church that if a man dare express himself, especially if a Bishop or General Officer is involved, he may prepare for ministerial death.

Now, gentlemen, you may just do as you please, I shall exercise the God given right conferred by one who is no "respecter of persons," despite man or devil. You may as well lay down the old bull whip, and conduct matters like we were all men. The church seems to have lost the true christian spirit and every man is hunting money, big churches, high offices, and even the holy office of Bishop has become the object of political intrigues, plots, etc. He who dare deny it, denies the truth, and is a knave, a coward, a fool. If my writings have killed the Missionary Department, I am sure it was dead already, and if the A. M. E. church cannot stand the truth, she must die.

I have nothing to regret that I committed my story of sorrow, suffering and abuse to the noble editor of The Freeman. When our church paper learns to respect the condition of those who have spent time, money and all they have in its interest, then they can demand respect on reasonable grounds, and not until then. Mere official threats amount to nothing. I had the same right to go to The Freeman for protection, that the Recorder had to thrust my sad statement of affairs info the waste basket.

If Editor Johnson has not yet learned that he nor the Bishops, nor any other court have a right to say that any member of the church feeling outraged, shall not have a hearing, he should learn it at once.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Received $400 Damages.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Jennie Cole died on the 4th, inst. Her funeral took place at Visitors Chapel. She was an old bath house attendant. She leaves one sister. The little one year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkins also died the 4th, inst. The Pine Bluff and Hot Springs base ball players were in session on the 5th and 6th. inst. The first day the score was 7 to 13 in favor of the Hot Springs boys; the second day it was 14 to 17 in favor of Hot Springs. The played nine innings each day. Mt. Canaan Baptist church and Hases Chapel M. E church are engaged in a series of meetings. The suit of F. F. Deloney against the Hot Springs railroad company, was held in the Salem County Circuit court last Friday. Mr. Deloney claimed $25,000 damages and was awarded $400. The suit of his brother, J. J. Deloney, was defered to the next term of court.

The First Bale of Cotton.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Mr. J. M. Alexander has opened a barber shop in Wm. Center's old stand. Mrs. John Jane was out driving last Sunday in South Helena, and while crossing the canal bridge near the St. L, & I. M. R. R. her horse broke through, throwing her and her child out. The mother received slight bruises, while the child fell under the wheels and horse and was killed. Efforts are being made to enter a suit against the city. Miss Ida B. Thomas and her cousin, Ethaline J. Seeigles, accompanied by Tom West and his sister Florence, have taken leave for St. Louis. Mr. Jim Shinault, an employe on the United States snag-boat passed through the city on his way to Memphis to recover from chills and fever. Isam Polk received a shot in the hip from Artie Gatewood, at Marianna, over some money and gambling. Mrs. J. S. Drew, president of the B. C. A. and R. S, returned from Fort Smith after a week's stay attending the grand congress.

The first bale of cotton for 1894 was brought to the city on September 4. Clabe Hoard, aged fifteen years, was driving home some turkeys when a little seven-year-old son of Mr. Johnson (white) put them to flight, which aggrivated Clabe to throw a brick, striking little Johnson on the back of the head, knocking him senseless. 'Squire Tappen fined Clabe $23.85.

The Ladies' Industrial Club was organized on higher and industrial principles, and is to hold fifty-two meetings a year. These ladies are constantly aiding the sick. caring for the dead and helping the cause of Christ. They keep their treasury swelled by giving entertainments, musicales and disposing of needle work at the bazaar. Their aim is to keep the younger mind employed and train it to usefulness, teach it to care for the poor and needy. These ladies have done a great deal of good since their existence and may Providence aid them to do better.

Miss Lizzie Martin will spend a few days in Haynes and Forrest City. Mr. Eugene Lathing received a very heavy fall while out cycling on the muddy street in front of Hotel de Windsor. Mrs. Essie Watson, a relative of Mr. Mobley, is in the city from Memphis. She will make her home here, and will be baptized into the Centennial. Mrs. Talberge McCrea is quite sick.

Joe Griffin was under arrest for beating his wife, who was a mother of a three-weeks old baby, and for being disorderly. Two white officers took him in charge. When near the jail he broke away and was fleeing, when the jailer, Mr. Wood, ordered the officers to fire, and Bob Russell shot him through the lung and heart. He died in a few minutes.

Mr. Felix Goodman has been insane for a few days.

Opened a Law Office.

Marion, Ind., Special.

Rev. H. H. Thompson preached his farewell sermon on the 9th. He and his wife left on Tuesday for Kokomo to attend conference. Martha Clark and Lucy Hamilton will attend later on. The Household of Ruth No. 584 and the M. V. P. No. 77, will attend the Emancipation Celebration at Lafayette, Ind., Monday, the 24th. Nathan Flemins has bought a fine cab, and is prepared now to haul you to parties. We were very glad to hear through The Freeman that our old friend, Rev. S. W. Hawkins, of Los Angeles, Cal., did so well with his church rally. Prof. Jones, of Michigan, has opened a law office here. Give him your trade. Mrs. Bethany Pettiford is very sick at her home corner Fourteenth and Nebraska streets. Mrs. D. Guliford is very ill at her home on Jeffries avenue. John W. Burden is attending college at Greencastle, Ind. Miss Sadie Nickles is visiting Lillie James, of Indianapolis. Health is good generally here.

Camp-Meetings a Failure.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.

The case of Richard Wallace vs. Monmouth College will come up again in the courts in a few days. Camp-meetings are still in vogue in Monmouth. Religiously and financially they are said to be a complete failure. They should be relegated to the rear. Mrs. Fannie Munson has been very much indisposed this week. A number of colored people took advantage of the cheap rates and went to Chicago on Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace drove down to the Kirkwood mineral springs last Sabbath. The Warren county fair was well attended this year and proved a great success. Mrs. H. Stokes is on the sick list. Through an error on the part of one of the deacons, Rev. Helm, of Bloomington, did not occupy the pulpit at the Second Baptist Church last Sunday. He will be in the city the 19th inst. The Rev. L. M. Leonard, of Galesburg, was in the city last Tuesday on business. While here he was the guest of R. L. Wallace's family. Rev. J. R. Clemins was in Knoxville last week. Mrs. Marie Johnson was the guest of Mrs. Madison, of Kirkwood, last Sunday.

A GREAT EDUCATOR.
PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, A. M.,
Principal Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. See Buildings Pages Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth. Sketch Sixth Page.

PRESIDENT S. T. MITCHELL

Cites The Editor of The Christian Recorder and

Dr. John M. Henderson to Appear Before the Executive Board of Wilberforce University—Prove or Shut Up.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY,
WILBERFORCE, O., Sept. 8, 1894.

(The following open letter has been given to the Christian Recorder):

For the "Christian Recorder":

AN OPEN LETTER TO REVS. H. T. JOHNSON, D. D., AND JOHN M HENDERSON, D. D.

SIRS AND BRETHREN:

The re-opening of the discussion in the Recorder columns relative to Wilberforce University, forbids the authorities of that institution to remain longer silent

The Executive Board of Wilberforce University in regular session on Monday past, at my insistence, authorized me to ask that you summit to them full and explicit charges touching any phase of the government or life of said University; and I was instructed to insure you that the most thorough and impartial investigation with respect to any and every allegation that has been or may be made. Under the authority conferred, I go farther than to ask a bill of charges; I demand in the name of the University, whose honor has been assailed; of the Trustees, whose courage, whose vigilence and whose ability has been questioned; of the patrons, whose judgement, in selecting Wilberforce as the seat of learning for their sons and daughters, has been condemned; of the hundreds of graduates and undergraduates whose standing in the world of christian letter, has been jeopardized; of the student whose characters have been defamed; of the families which constitute the environment of this institution, and the silence in the face of known and atrocious and permitted misdemeanors—if such there have been—must be regarded as criminal. In the name of all these, I demand your presence at Wilberforce University on the nearest possible date, in order that you yourselves may call the witnesses and conduct the inquiry and formulate the methods of reformation. Your traveling expenses and entertainment while here, shall be paid in cash. Two witnesses you may call from anywhere in the United States and their expenses will be borne.

All records, all students, all teachers and I think the community will justify me in saying all citizens of the vicinity shall be subject to your call, and testifying shall be under oath. Every possible aid shall be given to make the inquiry exhaustive. The source of information must be made bare. You cannot refuse; you have said too much. You claim in part that you had no hearing before the Trustee Board. Here is your opportunity. The occasion shall be all your own. I repeat, you cannot refuse and escape the just resentment of the church and the world at your refusal.

You must come to Wilberforce. We are ready and wait your appointment.

Respectfully, S. T. MITCHELL,
President of Wilberforce University.

By authority of the Executive Board of Wilberforce University.

Worthy Young Man Honored.

Kansas City, Mo, Special.

Speaking of our Kansas City young men, we have in our midst Robert Alexander, who was born in Lafayette county on a farm. He came to this city as a bootblack, and was sent to school by Hugh McGowon, after which he was a coachman, then a cook. During the World's Fair, on the account of his manliness, was given charge of the Missouri building. Ex-Marshal Hugh McGowan, one of the most prominent men in the state, who takes special interest in the boy, appointed him Deputy U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, being heartily endorsed by Gov. Stone, Ex-Gov. Francis and J. S. Chick, president of the First National Bank. Just entered manhood, he is possessed of very fine traits. He is industrious, with a penchant of locating criminals and bringing them to justice. He has made many trips through Missouri, visiting the Capital, and has not failed on a single person. All honor to Hugh McGowan. All of the school teachers have about arrived. Among them are Prof. Grisham, Miss Jones, Miss R. V. Deloche, of Ohio, and others. Annual conference convened in Independence, Mo., Sept 12th. Do not fail to patronize Mr. Days' grocery store on Fifteenth and Flora streets. Rev. H. B Brooks preached his farewell sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. His labors among us has been a wonderful success both financially and spiritually, having raised $1,400 during the month of June. It is the will of the community that he be returned.

M. E. Church District Conference.

Wright City, Mo., Special.

The District conference of the St. Louis district of the Central Missouri conference, convened in St. James Chapel, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 4th, Rev. J. W. Jackson, presiding. H. A. Henley, of Iron, Mo., was chosen secretary. The reports show the district to be in a prosperous condition. Several distinguished divines visited the conference, among whom were Rev. R. Davis, of Mexico, Mo., and Rev. W. J. Deboe, of Warrenton, who preached for the conference Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The Arkansas singers from Philander Smith College, rendered some very fine music. The Sunday School convention occupied the afternoon Wednesday. Many valuable papers and essays were delivered, and closed with a grand musical entertainment.

B. Square's Bluster.

The doings of Penn and Quilldriver, Editors, Journalists and Champions of the People's Weal.

[The Freeman has purchased the exclusive right to publish this story from the Augustus M. Hodges' Literary Syndicate.]

PART II. CHAPTER I.

CLIPPINGS.

(From the National Afro-American Searchlight.)

"GREAT LITERARY CONTEST OPEN TO ALL OUR READERS — VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN.

"In order to encourage that great mental test, the power of guessing, we have opened a debate to be decided by a jury of our readers. The question is:

"Who is the greatest poet that ever lived, the greatest living or that ever will live, Quilldriver, Milton, Mrs. Browning, Longfellow or Byron? (five in all).

"HOW TO VOTE: Cut out coupon found below and fill in your choice in this manner: Name, John Smith; State, City, etc, Brattleboro, Vt.; Choice, Quilldriver (or whoever you may select.)"

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"The Nonesuch Afro-American Literary Select Circle met at its hall last Wednesday evening. Several interesting papers were read. The Hon. I. Quilldriver, editor and owner of the National Afro-American Searchlight, read a poem from his gifted pen, written for the evening, entitled: 'The world will miss me when I'm gone.' Miss Banger rendered several choice selections upon the piano, and Miss Warbler sang 'Hail to the great poet,' a new song, dedicated to the editor of the Searchlight. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Hon. I. Quilldriver; vice-president, J. Harvey Highwater; secretary, Miss Banger; treasurer, Miss Warbler."

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"PERSONAL: The Hon. I. Quilldriver, editor and owner of the National Afro-American Searchlight, left town last evening to read a poem before the Swellhead Literary Club of A—. He will be the guest of Mr. A. Gudefeeder during his stay in A—."

(From the National Afro-American Fog Horn.)

"The contest: Who is the greatest Afro-American that has lived since the year 1? which has been carried on by our readers for the past few weeks, with some spirit and much live interest, has just ended, and it is with much unfeigned modesty we announce the results. There were 10,000 ballots cast, the vote being as follows:

"A. Small Penn,	9,990.
"Frederick Douglass,	5.
"B. K. Bruce,	3.
"J. M. Langston,	1.
"J. R. Lynch,	1.
"Total,	10,000.

"We are just a little surprised at the results, but we dare not dispute 'vox populi.'"

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"WE MUST DECLINE WITH THANKS.

"Our esteemed white contemporaries, the Morning State Rights and the Evening Lost Cause, are pushing us forward for the position of United States Minister to the North Pole. Among other things in an able article, the State Rights says:

"Mr. Penn is a Democrat, that is, he has not voted for years, and has successfully taught his readers in this town to refrain from loosing time and neglecting their work by standing about the polling places trying to vote for what they knew not. They have been taught through his able sheet to be honest (instruction that was very much needed) and truthful, and leave the voting to white men. We say it open and above board, without fear of the results, that a few more such teachers as A. Small Penn among the black people of this section and the race question would be solved. In view of this fact we take great pleasure in presenting his name to the President as the right man to look after his country's interests at the North Pole."

"We must decline the honor, after thanking our friend, Col. N. T. Bellum, editor of the State Rights, for several reasons. Our mission in this town is not ended. Until every black man is honest; until every woman of color is an obedient servant; until all our people learn to hate the fire-eating carpet-baggers from the North, who masking under the guise of Republicans are bitter foes, and until the happy relations of by gone days, when the interests of man and master were one, return, we cannot leave our post for higher honors. We are the champion of our people's weal and will not let ourself be blinded by personal interest, honor or gain, and lose sight of the interests of our clients."

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"FROM OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

"WASHINGTON, D. C.

"The political pot has begun to boil, every Democrat and Independent of note is here looking out for the interest of his section. A few persons of note whose names have been mentioned are men of worth, honor and merit, who would do credit to their country abroad as its ministers. These men seek not political reward, but are pushed forward against their wishes by thousands of friends, and Hon. sir, do not be surprised when I say your name is in the vanguard, for the President received last night a petition signed by 999 names, asking him to appoint you as Minister to the North Pole.

"Miss Wayuppe gave an after midnight breakfeast Tuesday. Among those present were Miss Topcrust, Mrs. Nucream, Miss Lookhigh, Mrs. C Top, Mr. I. Woodbee, Mr. Hasbin, the Misses Commingup, Mr. Lofty, Mr. Forundred and others

"A. FAKE, staff correspondent."

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"SWAMPTON, —, March 22, 18—.

"HON. I. SMALL PENN,

"DEAR SIR:—The colored people of the United States in general, and those of the state of — in particular, ask, yea demand, the President to appoint you as Minister to the North Pole. Everybody in Swampton, including all the best white citizens, have signed a petition and sent it to the President.

"WILLIS DOHEAD,
"TOM BRAINLESS,
"And two hundred others."

"We can not resist the will of the people, therefore we place our political future in the hands of our friends of both races."—[Ed. Fog Horn.

CHAPTER II.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MEMORANDUM BOOKS OF PENN AND QUILLDRIVER.

(From Quilldriver's Memorandum.)

"Tuesday: Wrote the account of the Nonesuch Literary Club's meeting; had myself elected president.

"Wednesday: Wrote puff about my going to read a poem at the Swellhead Club.

"Thursday: Wrote puff of myself for the Morning Truth and sent picture and puff to the Reflector."

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(From Penn's Memorandum.)

"Monday: Saw Col. N. T. Bellum and told him I would like to be Minister to the North Pole, and asked him to please use his influence with the administration to have me appointed. Telegraphed to A Fake to write the matter up.

"Tuesday: Got the letter back from Swamptown I sent out there to be signed: sent it to the President; wrote self-puff for the people of Swamptown.

"Thursday: Had 700 blanks filled in with me as the greatest colored man living, burned 900 with Frederick Douglass' name, 1,000 with that of Bruce. Sent picture to the New York Red Hot Democrat, with boom for position as Minister to the North Pole."

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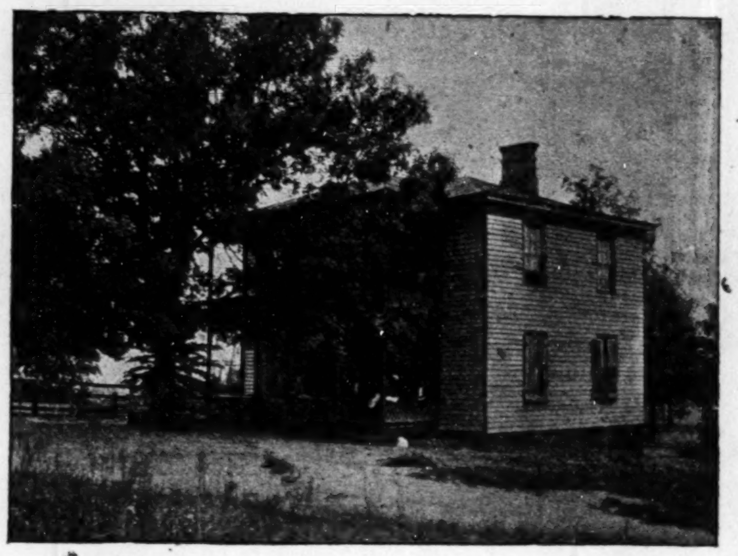
(From the Afro-American Searchlight.)

"Saturday: Wrote an article signed 'J. J. Smith,' stating I was the greatest poet living; sent picture and several poems. Read poem, 'I am the greatest poet,' before the Nolight Literary Club. Wrote self puff and the history of The Searchlight for the New York World.

"Monday: Had it announced that I was a candidate for the nomination of Alderman in the 9th Ward in the columns of the True Blue Republican.

"Tuesday: Spent $10 00 treating the boys to boom me up for Alderman. Read a poem at C. C. Showoff's party, entitled: 'I am the leader.'

"Wednesday: Spent $6.00 for cut to go in the New York Morning Statesman, with puff as my being the greatest colored man living."



CHAPLAIN'S RESIDENCE.
Tuskegee Normal Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

A SPLENDID RECEPTION.

A Prosperous Little City—Addition to Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Morrilton, Ark., Special.

Tuesday night, Aug. 28, 1894, Mrs. B. King and Mrs. Caroline Carter gave in honor of Mrs. N. W. Oliver, Mrs. A. J. Prowell and Miss Porter, who are here on a visit to relatives, a very enjoyable entertainment. Among the distinguished ones present we noticed the following: J. A. Burrow, Mrs. J. H. Burrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Curry, Mrs. J. W. Reed, Rev. N. W. Oliver, Mrs. Bettie Gordon, Mrs. F. Montgomery, Prof. S. S. Brown, Prof. R. B. Skyles and lady, Prof. Forbes, F. Wells, Rev. S. Carter, Miss Blanche King, Mrs. M. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carter, and many others, who expressed themselves as highly pleased with all that passed.

Prof. Brown distinguished himself by being an adept in introducing fancy plays. Mesdames King and Carter are old caterers in the party line. Their hospitality cannot be excelled. Mattie Flagg was present with her usual smiles and generous ways. Every one expressed themselves highly pleased with the affair. The doors of Mesdames King and Carter are always opened wide to their guests. Mrs. King, although a widow, imagines she is sweet sixteen. Look out, Miss Blanche, mamma will beat you. Rev. N. W. Oliver says he had a huge time, and Mrs. Oliver says she spent the evening pleasantly.

Morrilton is a prosperous little city, with a population of three or four thousand, one-third of whom are colored. The colored people have five churches, and one graded school, in charge of Prof. R B. Skyles, with an attendance of 100 scholars. The Catholics have also a school for the colored. We have two colored grocers, H. H. Thompson and Dr. E. K. Turner. Mt. Olive Baptist church has built an addition of twenty-five feet to their edifice.

Mrs. A. J. Poowell is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Reed. Mrs. N. W. Oliver is visiting her "better" half, Rev. N. W. Oliver. Rev. W. B. Simms is assisting in a protracted meeting being held at Rev. Brown's church, the M. E. Rev. White also is carrying on a protracted meeting at his church, the C. M. E. Rev. B. White preached an able theological sermon at the M. E. church to the colored citizens Aug. 31st. He held the large and enthusiastic audience spell bound for one hour. After his conclusion there were many joyful hearts and dampened eyes. Come again Rev. White, we are pleased to meet you any time in the cause of Christ.

The wife of Prof. R. B. Skyles had the misfortune to lose her father. We extend our sympathy. We have excellent crops, good cotton and plenty of corn. Mrs. Jno. Rolland is suffering with a bone felon. We are having some very good rains. Mrs. H. Burgess is confined to her bed. We hope to see her out soon. Morrilton will soon organize a K. of P. lodge. J. W. Reed is the prime mover. Mrs. Rachel McCreary is very dangerously ill with consumption.

Teachers' Institute—Important Subjects.

Marion, Ky., Special.

The Colored Teachers County Institute convened in this place in the C. P. church August 27th and held a five days session. The institute was opened by the county superintendent, Miss Mina Wheeler. M. W. Thurman was elected president of the institute, and Toney Hughes, secretary. G. W. Brooks was selected by the county superintendent as conductor of the institute, W. L. Clark, chaplain.

Monday the following branches were taken up and discussed by various members of the institute, viz, "Science of teaching as contrasted with the science of learning," penmanship, and civics. Tuesday: arithmetic mental and writen; reading and study of words; language lessons, grammar and composition. Wednesday: school grading, geography, history, and physiology, Thursday: trustees, school exhibits, school government, and the art of teaching in connection with school apparatus. Friday: art of teaching, school discipline, and school attendance.

On Thursday night the teachers gave a public entertainment in the church. The following teachers took part in the exercises; Rev. W. L. Clark, oration, "Necessity of moral teaching in the schools;" R. Cruce, select reading, "The Teacher;" R. C. Waddle, oration, "Object of Study;" T. H. Todd, declamation, "A talk on Education;" Toney Hughes, essay, "The Common School Teacher;" G. W. Brooks, essay, "Sketches of Intellectual Progress;" Miss Nicy Kirk, essay, "The Duty of the Teacher;" Miss Leonora Johnson, select reading, "Character Building and its Importance." M. W Thurman was president of the meeting.

Miss Laura D. Bigham left on the 26th of August to begin her school at Shiloh, Webster county. Rev. W. L. Clark has returned from Morgantown, Ky., where he has been spending about ten days visiting and preaching. Miss Laura Threets of Mayfield is visiting Mrs. Nellie Threets of this place. Miss Roxie Hughes spent a week in August visiting friends in Providence. Misses Cecil and Minnie Hughes of Siloam are visiting Miss Mintie Shelly of this place. Miss Nicy Kirk of Dawson Springs is visiting Miss Carrie Grisson. The Sturgis base ball band crossed bats with the Marion band, 25th of August. The score stood 24 to 40 in favor of Marion.

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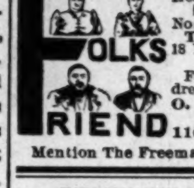

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Splendid Educational Institutions in Many States—The Colored Man is Pushing Steadily to the Front.

Bishop A. Grant of the diocese of Georgia, Alabama and Florida of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was in the city recently and seen by an Express reporter. Bishop Grant was formerly a resident of this city and to all intents and purposes is still a citizen of San Antonio, for all his interests are located here. He has many friends in this city, who have welcomed him back in their midst.

The bishop was seen yesterday by a reporter for The Express and asked how he liked the section of the country in which he is now engaged in his work. In answer he replied:

"I like that section very well, as there is a larger number of our people living there than here; therefore I have the oportunity of doing more good. As a general thing the people are intelligent, thrifty, and the schools are generally well provided for, especially the industrial schools in the State of Alabama. At Tuskegee we have an institution that has enrolled at least 650 students. There are twenty-three industrial departments, including all branches of mechanical work, masonry, shoe making, etc. The State gives them a small donation and from the patrons of the institution the directors receive about $50,000 per year for its maintenance. At Huntsville, Ala., we have the State Normal, supported entirely by the State. This school is doing its part of the work in advancing our people to a higher plane of civilization.

In Atlanta, Ga, where I reside, we have Clark University, Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, and Spellman University, all of which are exclusively given up to the education of the colored people. In Savanah is the Georgia State Normal. In Tallahasee is the Florida State Normal. With these institutions scattered over our Southern States, where the Negro is more numerous than in any other part of the country, it is only a question of time, when the Negro will come to the front, and when he has reached the white race there will be no man before him.

"Another thing, our people are paying more attention at present to acquiring wealth and education than at any time since their emancipation. I am glad to say that Texas is not a whit behind in this work, as you know we have at *Prairie View* the State Normal started by the State government. I have had a talk with the president of late and he said that the interest in this institution is growing greater every year. It would be better if the whites would come more among us and see what we are doing. As a general thing we are judged by those of the lower class of our race.

"We do not desire any special legislation, but we do ask for the same opportunities that other races enjoy. We request that the press deal with us justly and report some of the good we do through the country as well as the bad. The two races must live in this country together and they ought to be at peace. It is true that there is a great deal of unrest among us. There are organizations to take Negroes to Mexico and some to Africa, but no difference where a man goes in the world, he will be simply what he makes of himself. I am afraid that the younger people of both races are being reared as strangers in the same country and do not know each other as the older people did. I was down in Florida last Februrary and met the man who once sold me for $6000. He invited my wife and I to spend our time with him while we were in the town where he lived. This, perhaps, was because of our intimate acquaintance, on account of having lived in the same house together years ago.

"I would rather live in Texas than any other State I have ever been in and I will always consider San Antonio my home, no matter where I may be. But I regret that this state ever passed the separate car law, for in twenty years from to day we will surely be ashamed of it. I can purchase a ticket in Louisana or Missouri and can come into this State on a sleeping car, but cannot go out of it. I have a sick wife and will have to leave for Atlanta in a few days and she will be compelled to go part of the way in a smoking car. This is not in keeping with the civilization of the great State of Texas."

"Will you preach here Sunday?" asked the reporter.

"I will preach Sunday at St. James' Church. This will be my last sermon in San Antonio for some time."—San Antonia Express.

The Mother Goose Entertainment.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mesdames Jessie Gaston and Lizzie McPherson passed through the city Saturday evening enroute to Kokomo, from St. Joe Michigan, where they had been visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keene, of Marion, are in the city visiting her parents. Mrs. J. D. Underwood, who has been at the bed-side of her sister, Mrs. J. Parker, during her illness has returned to her home in South Bend. Mrs. Frank Carter departed Wednesday to visit friends in Dayton. Miss Mary Allen, who attended the State Normal University in Louisville last winter has received notice of the commencement of that college next Tuesday and is preparing to attend again this term. The Star Glee Club, which has had great success under the management of Mrs. Ratliff, gave a fare-well banquet in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ratliff. The address of welcome by M. V. Sanders was answered by the pastor and his wife in well chosen words, after which the club and its many friends enjoyed a delicious repast. Mrs. Ratliff again demonstrated her ability in concert work Wednesday evening before a large and appreciative audience. The children's Mother Goose and Broomdrill entertainment was an artistic success, and reflects much credit on Mrs. Ratliff. Mrs. L G. Brooks and Mrs. H. B. Turner and daughter Floretha, spent Sunday in Peru.

A School Girl's Letter.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please allow me a little space in your valuable paper. Langston City is not on the decline as one might suppose. Cotton seems to go now-a-days. We have a large gin mill owned and controlled by colored men. They also own a grocery and saloon. We also have a newspaper, which you are aware of; a good drug store, a first class doctor, three churches, two school buildings. September 2d was a high day in our city; the Masons turned out in a good number to the funeral of one Luke Ballard. Rev. J. A. Broaduax, Ex-presiding elder and Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity of Oklahoma, preached the funeral, assisted by Rev. M. A. Morrison, of Guthrie. Mrs. W. H. Tinine and other ladies from the Chapter was in attendance. We highly congratulate you on the stand you have taken in defense of the colored race. Success to your paper. I am a school girl.

LIZZIE SLAUGHTER.

Langston City, Okla.

Literary Notes.

The famous musical composers have taken a hint from their literary brethren, and are securing an advance magazine publication for their composition just as the authors publish their novels in serial form. The Ladies' Home Journal, which was practically the first magazine to offer this outlet to composers of repute, finds all the musical men rallying to it, Sir Arthur Sullivan announcing that the new song which he has just finished will be published in that magazine. Patti's veteran conductor, Arditi, has given his new waltz to the Journal, while Reginald de Koven's new song goes also to the same periodical. Strause has sent his new waltz to the editor, Sousa a new march, and Mascagni, of "Cavalleria Rusticana" fame, is writing a piano score.

Edward Bok says that the hard times have driven thousands of women into writing and that the "readers" who have to read the manuscripts sent to magazines are taxed to their utmost capacity.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

It requires the whole truth to save men. The law and the gospel are of equal importance in preaching, sustaining an inseparable relation to each other. The minister is therefore to wound with the law, and to heal with the gospel, to make sinners feel their disease then introduce them to the physician to be healed.

His duty and responsibility is indicated in the following declaration of God: "O, son of man, I have set the a watchman into the house of Israel, therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me; when I say unto the wicked, O, wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way that wicked man shall surely die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. But if thou warn him thou hast delivered thy soul"

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While no one can measure the depths of evil in sin, as "the abominable thing that God hateth," yet all who feel its terrible guilt and condemnation may come to him whose blood can wash it away. "For if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to clense us from all unrighteousness."

This is an age of great worldliness and infidelity, which, operates to keep men and women in sin. Extravagant methods of pleasure-seeking add their forces. There is also great passivity in the churches when they ought to be awake to the danger of sinners, pulling them out of the fire. Care for those endangered, is the best evidence of our own spiritual life. The "Go ye" of the Master was never spoken to dead men, and their going could not be without results. "Let Zion's watchmen all awake and take the alarm they give."

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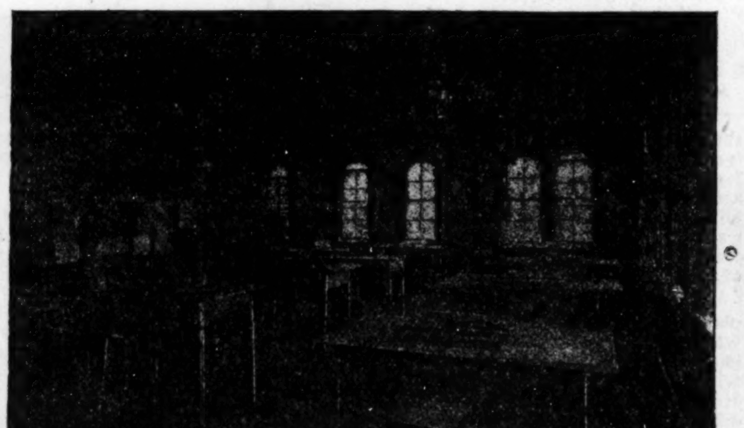

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I would like to know the wheresbouts of my three sisters, Lucretia, Eliza and Polly Sadler. Our mother's name was Pricilla Sadler. She belonged to Fannie Sadler, an old maid. Our father's name was Ranel Spilman; he belonged to Jim Spilman. Our home was Lael, Garrett county, Ky., eight miles from Langston and eleven miles from Richmond, Ky. Any information would be very thankfully received by their sister, Sallie Johnson. Address, 339 E. Jefferson street, Decatur, Ill.; in care of L. Earnest.

I have a son; have not seen him since the war. His name is Thomas Taylor Turner, my home was in Madison Co., Tennessee, but I left him in Columbus Kentucky with a man by the name of John Stevens, who was a Telegraph Operator. He was between the age of 7 and 8. His father's name was Sam Turner and my name was Henrietta Turner. Every pastor will please read this to his congregation, and readers will please inquire. Any one giving nformation will oblige Henrietta Wallace, 1403 Maple St., Des Moines, Ia.

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HAVE you heard from Maine?

VERY much in evidence—Ida B. Wells.

NOW THAT it is known who the guilty parties are who shot to death the six chained Negooes, have the Tennessee authorities the courage to do their duty? We shall see.

CHANCELLOR MITCHELL'S attention is respectfully called to the manifesto of Chancellor Williams, of New Orleans, which appears in this issue Your authority and knowledge of Pythian matters, sir, is impugned and the validity of your office scoffed at. What have you to say? THE FREEMAN is at your service.

BE honest now, look this number of THE FREEMAN over with care and tell us, not all speaking at once, are you not proud of it as a race journal, among all the publications of the race, has it an equal, does it not stand alone, unapproached? "There are others," but there is but one great national Afro-American journal and its name is THE FREEMAN. Now is the time to subscribe.

The "Greatest" and the "Handsomest" will come face to face some day and then they will—take a drink. "Solve?"—Observer.

And you, sweet singer of the "Windy City," presuming you should be present at the "meet," what would be your action? Would you, after numerous buttons had been torn from your coat, wander out in the star-lit air, flee like a bird from temptation, or wobbling to the mahogany take your usual three fingers straight?

THE FREEMAN goes everywhere, its scope is NATIONAL, not local. When great matters are to be discussed, when the attention of all the race is wanted, when LEADERS have complaints to make or suggestions to urge, they quite naturally and very sensibly, don't you think, seek the columns of THE FREEMAN. Application: If you would keep abreast of the times, if you would keep posted, subscribe for THE FREEMAN.

UNRULY SPIRITS IN THE CHURCH.

Evidence is accumulating daily that the great A. M. E. connection is either suffering from a dearth of great men or a plethora of the other and more numerous class. Either she is about entering a period of cleansing, of purging and purification, that will only culminate at the next General Conference, or things are mightily not what they seem. Observe this week's FREEMAN. Here we have Ridgel, the much wrote and talked about missionary, the bete noir of Secretary Derrick, making a savage assault, and more to follow, upon Dr. Henderson, the energetic and fiery defender of the department of Foreign Missions, incidentally charging him with being the once dreaded Plutarch of the defunct Plaindealer, while upon the same page Prof. Mitchell, the polished and scholarly president of "Old Wilberforce," throws down his defi to the editor of The Recorder and Dr. Henderson, demanding that they come forward and prove, or have disproved, certain charges originating with them against the management of the University, while to top it all off the mild and suave editor of The Recorder has his hands full right at home warding off the blows of Dr. Embrey, the manager of the Book Concern, who spurns in vigorous language certain ideas held by him looking to reform the management of that important annex of the connection. Deferring an opinion, it can be predicted in a general way, that in the long run good will be sure to result from these agitations and the church will be the beneficiary. In the meantime, THE FREEMAN wishes to assure all parties concerned of its distinguished consideration, and may the best cause win.

Permit us to declare in conclusion, with no fear of successful contradiction, now is a good time to subscribe for the race's leading journal. Price, $1.50 per year; six months, 85 cents.

DEMOCRACY'S RECORD.

"The Democrats in Congress have disappointed the people, trifled with the sacred trust confided to it, excited distrust and disgust among their constituents and impaired their investments Pledged, if platforms mean anything, to overthrow our long-continued policy of protection, they have quarreled and compromised, and, upon their own testimony, have been compromised. The result of their long wrangle is a tariff law with which nobody is satisfied; a law which even those who made it apologize for; a law which the chairman of the Ways and Means committee and almost the entire Democratic side of the House condemned by a yea and nay vote only a few days before its passage, affirming their intention in the most solemn manner not to permit it to be enacted; a law which all factions of the Democratic party are agreed is the work of a monstrous trust, which Chairman Wilson confessed in the House, amid the applause of his confederates, with deep chagrin, 'held Congress by the throat;' a law of which the House of Representatives was so thoroughly ashamed that the Democrats had no sooner passed it than they made hot haste to seek its immediate amendment by passing supplementary bills which put their tariffed sugar, coal, lead, iron and barbed wire on the free list, under threat of still further similar assaults on the much disturbed and distressed industries of the country, utterly heedless of the stupendous ruin they have already wrought; a law which the President condemned before its passage, and from which, when passed, he withheld his approval; a law which was characterized before its passage by the greatest leader in the Democratic party, the senior Senator from New York, as a 'violation of Democratic pledges and principles,' and which was denounced by the official head of the government as such an act of 'party perfidy and party dishonor' that, if the House should at last concur in it, 'they would not dare to look the people of the country in the face,' and which the executive still condemns since their surrender as the 'very communism of pelf'

"The President in his letter to Congressman Catchings, of Massachusetts, says: 'The millions of our countrymen who have fought bravely and well for tariff reform (not accepting this bill) should be exhorted to continue the struggle, boldly challenging to open warfare, and constantly guarding against treachery and half-heartedness in their camp.' Mr Cleveland, while he permitted the bill to become a law, lacked the moral courage to veto it"—[From McKinley's Bangor speech.

WELL HE TOLD THE TRUTH.

"Monday at 12 p. m. sharp, the McKinley law ceased to exist. With its demise died also McKinley's possibilities for the Presidency. "Ben" Harrison, if the factor of death does not interfere, will be our next President."—Freeman.

"'Ben' Harrison is the man who sat in the presidential chair and saw more than five hundred people butchered in cold blood. He said his 'hands were tied,' and now that he is out of a job his hands itch to get hold of the helm again. But The Freeman man can go and tell all its friends that so far as the colored people are concerned, "Ben" Harrison's hands will stay tied."—Conservator.

"Jes so." But did he not state the a truth, unpleasant though it was? His hands were tied, constitutionally speaking, and it does not help the cause of the Negro nor does it add to our reputation for a truthful knowledge of what every high school pupil should know, to affect ignorance of this disgraceful fact. The theory of our government, the jealousy with which the rights (?) of the states are guarded, the constitutional limitations, which hold the general government in check, are mainly responsible for the uninterrupted butchery of Negroes in the South, which commenced long before Harrison's day, and continues yet. Tell the truth and shame the devil is as good a rule for newspapers to be guided by as individuals.

Are you a professional man, minister, doctor, lawyer, why invest from $25.00 to $75.00 in a "time piece" for practical every day use? Only creatures with more money than brains do such things these days. Accept a present from THE FREEMAN, the celebrated "Premier" watch.

IN THE SHADDER.

I'm a settin' in the shadder,
Down in the medder lane,
And my heart's a feelin' sadder
Ez I lissen to the strain
Ov the boberlink, a singin'
Like his heart was full ov glee,
While memory is a stingin'
Me, just like a bumblebee.

Long years ago we sot here,
My Mary Jane an' me,
An' a finer, nicer lookin' pair
You'd sca-cely ever see;
We'd meet here in the evenin'—
Next night we'd come again,
But now I'm sore a-grievin'
An' all fer Mary Jane.

'Taint because she died and left me,
She didn't go that way,
Fer if death had bereft me,
I'd not hev much to say.
But she left me in the winter
When the jays begin to sing—
Then she writ me, she's agoin' ter
Git married in the spring.

So I'm a sittin' in the shadder
Ov the maple in the lane,
An' my heart's a feelin' sadder
Fer she never came again.
An' winter's chased the summer
More'n twenty times away,
Since Mary Jane, she left me
On that dark December day.

G. W. Gleason, in Cincinnati Tribune.

OVERTAKEN BY CONSCIENCE.

We offer no apology to our readers that much of our editorial space has been given up this week to copious extracts from Memphis, Tenn., (white) papers on the late murder of the six colored men near that city. Out of their own mouths, through and by their own actions, the whites of the South have been busy for years calling down upon their heads the just execration of the civilized world, and now that an awakened conscience or fear, or both, seems at last to be overtaking them, what more logical and fitting than that through and by their own admissions shall the story of their condemnation be made complete?

FROM MEMPHIS EVENING SCIMITAR

"Almost in the hour that opened for Memphis and the tributary country a new business season freighted with the promise of a renewed prosperity, an atrocious massacre was perpetrated within fifteen miles of the Memphis custom-house. Six Negro prisoners, under suspicion of arson, manacled, chained together and under guard of an officer, were deliberately butchered by a mob and left lying by the roadside in a gory heap.

"The prisoners, as we have said, were suspected of a heinous crime. The suspicion was born of an investigation set on foot and conducted to the point of arrest by the officer from whose custody they were taken for slaughter, and who is now a prisoner in the county jail, charged in a bench warrant from the Criminal Court with being an accessory before the fact to the crime committed in his sight. The warrant was issued by the court upon the evidence of the story of the lynching as told to the court by the officer himself.

"These are the facts in the case so far as they have come to light.

"The victims of this cruel deed had been convicted of no offense. It was not even known whether the suspicion attaching to them was of a reasonable character or simply the result of following "clews" that might have existed only in the officer's imagination. It is possible that every one of the six was innocent. People are arrested every day on suspicion which proves to be groundless. Every day officers of the law make blunders which work serious wrong to the unoffending. Perhaps, if brought to justice, all six would have been acquitted. The fact as to their guilt or innocence will never be known. It lies smothered in the bloody dirt of that Millington road.

"The question now is, what are we going to do about the murder of these men? The first person plural is used in its most general sense, for the matter concerns all of us. Every one of us is touched with blood guiltiness in this matter unless we prove ourselves ready to do our duty as civilized men and citizens who love their country and are jealous of its good name.

"What we should do is to lend our aid to bring the murderers to justice, by giving the courts and officers of the law to understand that we expect them to execute the law without fear or favor. We know how such criminals have escaped in the past. We have heard the shouts of a mob as it dragged unhindered through the streets of Memphis the charred and mutilated body of a prisoner whom it had taken from the county jail and done to death by bullet, steel and fire, under the eyes of the sheriff of the county. Not one of that mob has suffered for the horror of that night. It rests with the all-powerful arbiter, public opinion springing from the public conscience, to say whether the shameful sequel to that crime shall be repeated in this case. For as long as the machinery of justice is the shuttlecock of politics, it will be influenced to a great extent by the prevailing sentiment.

"So the reform must come at last from the people themselves. They must have the moral courage to uphold law and order in the jury room and everywhere else. They must refuse to draw a false distinction between murder done by a mob and murder done by an individual. The only real difference is that the former is the more cowardly crime of the two and strikes harder at the foundations of law and social order.

"We can understand and appreciate the frenzy of the man whose mother, wife, sister or daughter has been foully violated, and we can even excuse this man and his neighbors and friends when they make short work of the ravisher. Rape is a crime that stands apart and the summary punishment of it is confined to no section of the country.

"But the trouble is that the lynching spirit grows with indulgence, and having grown to the point of boldness recognizes no distinction between the ravisher and the criminal of lesser degree. It finally comes to the pass that only the most trifling violations of the law are permitted to go to the courts for judgment. We are approaching that pass in Shelby county and we must call a halt.

"The fact that the victim in every case of lynching is a Negro or poor and helpless white man, carries in itself proof that lynching is as contrary to reason as it is to justice and civilization. There is never any trouble in convicting such people if they are guilty. The shifty arts of counsel and the agencies of influence and corruption are not exercised in their behalf. No witnesses are suborned or put out of the way, no jurymen are bribed, no endless chain of technicalities are invoked to save them. If the evidence points to their guilt, to the penitentiary or the gallows they must go. To lynch such persons accused, if they be guily, is therefore gratuitous murder, and to lynch them if they be innocent is infamy beyond expression. The cowardice of the act also should damn it and its perpetrators in the opinion of a race of men which produced the soldiers of Shiloh, of Chickamauga and of Gettysburg.

"We have come to the jumping off place in this matter. Those among us who are civilized and have respect for the law must compel those among us who are savages and spit upon the law, to recognize the authority of force, since they will not own the restraints of right We are held responsible by the world for their evil deeds, and the charge is just, unless we clear our skirts by the only means possible. If we fail in our duty, then must we bear without resentment the burden of reproach which the enemies of our section would cast upon us.

"A community is judged by its actions and not by its profession."

FROM MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL-APPEAL.

"The blood of the six Negroes so barbarously butchered near Kerrville cries to us from the ground. A deed of unparalleled atrocity, of almost inconceivable barbarity, has been committed in a community where courts are organized, where law is in force, where all the machinery of justice is perfect and complete. The men arrested were charged with the crime of arson. Whether all or any of them were guilty, we do not know, and we shall never know. All we can say is that we are not in possession of one single fact beyond their arrest to justify suspicion. We do not hesitate to say that we do not regard this, under the circumstances, any ground of suspicion at all. But if they were guilty if Detective Richardson had evidence enough to convict them and secure their punishment by law, it only adds to the blackness of the crime and the infamy of the criminals. What excuse is there or can there be for the murder of men hopelessly in the grasp of the law? What good can be supposed to result from such unnecessary brutality? Six helpless prisoners, manacled and chained together, unable to resist, unable to flee, unable to do anything but plead for mercy, and against these a band of cowardly and ferocious scoundrels, armed with shotguns! What a brave spectacle! What a heroic deed for the good people of that community to commemorate and boast of in the days to come! It makes the heart sick to think of it!

"Men of Memphis, men of Shelby county, brave, chivalrous men of the South, shall this bloody record stand against us? Can we look civilization in the face while we stand thus accused? Can we be silent and inactive and remain guiltless of the shed-blood of these poor wretches and guiltless of the crimes that are to follow? Aside from all considerations affecting our more selfish and material interests this case makes an appeal to humanity that nothing but a heart of stone can resist. The widows and orphans of these murdered men, left helpless and destitute, are human beings. They know and feel the agony of grief as your wives and children would know and feel it under the same horrible circumstances. If there be a God in heaven, His judgment must descend in wrath and fire upon a people that suffer such things to be

"Let us begin now the work of redemption. Let the good people of Memphis thunder their denunciation of this crime. Let it stand confessed before all the world as the bloodiest chapter in our history. Thunder it into the ears of every public official that the perpetrators of this ghastly crime must be punished. Let a fund be raised by contributions from public-spirited and law-loving people to prosecute the investigation to the bitter end, to pursue every clew, to trace every track, to follow every thread.

"And there is another duty that the white people of Memphis and Shelby county should perform. It is a duty to the widows and orphans made by these barbarous ruffians. We must not forget that we, the white people of this state, control all the machinery for the making and execution of the law. It is right that we should. But with this right there goes a duty and a responsibility. We owe it to ourselves to protect those who must live under the laws we make and administer. It was because these men were made helpless by the manacles of the law and then denied the protection of the law, that their wives were made widows and their children orphans. Their helplessness, their misery and their destitution are mute appeals to our humanity. We ought to do what is in our power to soften the awful blow that has fallen upon them in taking away their means of support."

DR. E. A. WILLIAMS,
New Orleans, La. Supreme Chancellor of the Regular Order of Knights of Pythias of N. A. S. A. E. A. & A. See Article 5th Page.

TAYLOR IN HIS OWN DEFENCE.

The following letter from Recorder Taylor purports to give the true animus of the efforts being made to deprive him of his office as Recorder of the District. Our readers will peruse and form their own opinion. Of the letter we have no opinion either way to offer, but do not hesitate to repeat in substance that the colored men engaged in this pulling down business have not much ground to be proud of their work. Taylor himself seems to have lost his equipoise, and is fast tarnishing the reputation that up till late he enjoyed, as the long-headed "cowboy statesman of the Kaw." Much laudation seems to have unsettled him.

"EDITOR FREEMAN:

"I deem it to be my duty to write you concerning a matter which has been commented upon in the public press. This is done because of the friendship you manifested in my behalf when I was making my fight for confirmation. As you well know, the victory I won stands in history as unparalleled and unprecedented.

"I had not been in office two days before W. Calvin Chase came to me and demanded that I should retain certain clerks in my office who had been appointed for him by my predecessor. He stated that I could remove them if I would give him, for a lady in his office, the position of Index Clerk. Upon my flat refusal to accede to either of his demands, he began upon me one of the most virulent and cowardly attacks that one man ever began upon another.

"He has schemed in every way to down me. He has gone so far as to hunt up every disgruntled and dishonest Negro Democrat he could find to aid him in his attacks. He has manufactured falsehood after falsehood, relating to my personal character, which was never heretofore attacked, in order to disgrace me. I never believed a human being capable of such depravity.

"Especially was I surprised to find a man who makes pretensions to be a newspaper editor who would so far forget his profession as to stoop to the meanest and vilest sort of words with which to abuse a man because that man refused to let him have an appointment. Especially was I surprised, when during my fight for confirmation this same man filled his paper with praise for me.

"I would not send you this letter if it was not for the fact that you were a good friend of mine and I want you to know the facts. This Civil Service investigation was instigated by this same man Chase. I am not guilty of any wrong doing. I have not received from any person as much as a two cent postage stamp. The whole thing from beginning to end is a gigantic lie.

"Certain white persons here who did not want me to have this office, and who do not desire to have a Negro in any office, are glad to use such Negroes as Chase to help them in their attack to keep black men out of places of prominence. Knowing what a race man you are, I have dared to write this letter to you and to my other friends among the newspaper fraternity, so that you may know what course to pursue.

"Up to date the only prominent office with patronage filled by a Negro under this administration is this. It cannot be possible that colored men will stand idly by and without protest see this one taken from the race. This letter may be published if you so desire.

"Yours for the common people,
"C. H. J. TAYLOR."

SNEERS AT OUR GRAY MATTER.

The Texas Freeman "dares" to address the editor of The Indianapolis Freeman in just such manner as it desires. The advice of this editor will be accepted as regards using "brains" in conducting our editorial page, but we are conscious that in so doing we shall be using that which is not used in the sanctum of the Indianapolis sheet.—Texas Freeman.

Yes, indeed, you dare, and you do, you cruel fellow.

HANDSOMELY ENTERTAINED

By The Elite—Clarksville Base Ball Players Lead.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

The elite of Clarksville society was out en masse Wednesday evening, Sept. 5th, to a banquet at the handsome residence of Joseph H. Thompkins, on Poston street, in honor of Miss Sey Petree, of Ekton, Ky. She was accompanied by Clarksville's popular favorite, Wm. H. Dawson. The following couples did honor to the occasion: E. B. Firse, Miss Lady Dabney; Albert Meriwether, Miss Janie Chelton; Wesley Haskins, Miss Mary Ramey; Rafe Metcalf, Miss Annie Dunscomb; Love Ferguson, Miss Ella Martin; John McCoy, Miss Minnie Jackson; John Rogers, Miss Georgia Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Thompkins highly entertained their guests. Wm. H. Tate, "North Carolina's Nightingale," sang at St. Peters' A. M. E. church Sept. 10th. Mr. Tate is possessed with a perfect feminine voice, and sings falsetto also. Miss Charlescy Steele has returned from Henderson, Ky., where she spent about six weeks. Mlle. Vance, whose husband died recently, has been grieving ever since the departure of her husband, and is said to be turning a perfect raving maniac. John Dix, who was arrested for larceny, is under bond. Rev. Selectman and several other participants went to attend the conference with the female evangelist, and will return home in a fortnight. Clarksville vs. Hoptown (white) played three games in this city, in which the locals easily won the supremacy of the South. A number of persons left for Russelville to hear M. E. Taylor. Clarksville went to Hoptown (white) to play a series of games, in which "our sluggers" won in a game of 10 to 5. Duck Carneal has returned home after several fortnights. Millie Vance, who went daft a few days ago, may be taken in at the asylum as a guest. Wm. Buck is still in the barbers' lead. B. Cobb was not a fore runner of the would be thieves. W. L. Johnson, the energetic agent of The Freeman, is agent for the "Record," the largest illustrated 5 cent paper in the world. James Bailey was arrested for obtaining money under false pretense of J. M. Folke, the machine man. It is alleged that Bailey simultaneously sold an organ that was being paid for. Joe Boyd and Roxy Meriwether were arrested for disturbing the peace. Boyd and Meriwether were fined $4 and $2, respectively. Jos. Rosenfield, (white), who keeps the refreshments at the park, had some pop stole by Wallace Winn, Charlie Wright, Will Dixon, alias "moon eye," Will Gilmer and B. Cobb, but no evidence could be ascertained, and they were released. The officers hailed the would-be thieves and they began to slide.

A BOGUS "FREEMAN."

Good Man Elected Grand Master—School Teachers Chosen.

Rome, Ga., Special.

The Populists seem to have gotten the best of the campaign so far, both State and Congressional, and unless something unusual is done in the Democratic ranks to head off public sentiment leading to Populism, this State is sure for the People's party. The colored contingent of the Democratic party has put out a paper styled "The Freeman." This is done to deceive the unsuspecting voters. The Indianapolis Freeman is by far the most widely known international race-loving paper on the American continent. It covers up nothing, and is doing more to lift Ethiopia upon a plane of equal rights with other nations than all other periodicals combined. May the race's best paper live always!

The Grand Lodge of Odd-fellows of this State honored themselves by selecting Mr. G A. Rodgers as their grand master. We have known him from childhood, and can say he is above reproach. His record of thirteen years in the order stands above criticism. While he is not an orator, his executive ability is unsurpassed, having been presiding officer of his lodge and household. He is also chairman of the Republican executive committee for this county.

The public schools of this city opened on the 3d with an enrollment above four hundred. Prof. T. M. Dent, LL. D, principal, is a man whom the race is proud of. He is styled the silver-tongued orator of northern Georgia. His assistants are: First grade, (a) Miss C. L. White, (b) Mrs. C. B. Barrett; second grade, Miss Fannie L. Taylor: third grade, Miss A. E. Williams; fourth grade, Miss Eula Ray; fifth grade, Miss Alice C. Davis; sixth grade, Mrs. Lucile E. Samuel; seventh and eighth grades, Prof. Dent.

Frederic Douglass Harris will take orders for The Freeman and deliver them hereafter. All who may want the paper by the week can have it each Friday evening at five cents per copy. Rev. D. Strickland, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, has just closed one of the most successful revivals ever held here. Nearly a hundred souls converted. Crops in this section are better than ever known before. Our section for thirty years has been eating hog and hominy from the Western States, but this year and next year we can eat from our own produce. Col. M. C. Parker will soon take up his abode in the Gate City. The marriage of Mr. E. W. Clarke on the 3d, inst., removes a weighty suspense that rested on some of our young men and ladies.

Fair Warning!

Do you owe **THE FREEMAN** a debt of **LONG STANDING** for papers sent you, regardless that we have treated you nicely and permitted you to violate your promise to settle many times? You will be given up to and inclusive of **OCT. 20TH** to **PAY WHAT YOU OWE US**, failing, your name will printed in our **BAD DEBT LIST** now being prepared for weekly publication, that your proper status as a **DEAD BEAT AND FRAUD** may become known to the race generally. **AN HONEST MAN** owing us, will confer at once.

CHANCELLOR MITCHELL HIT.

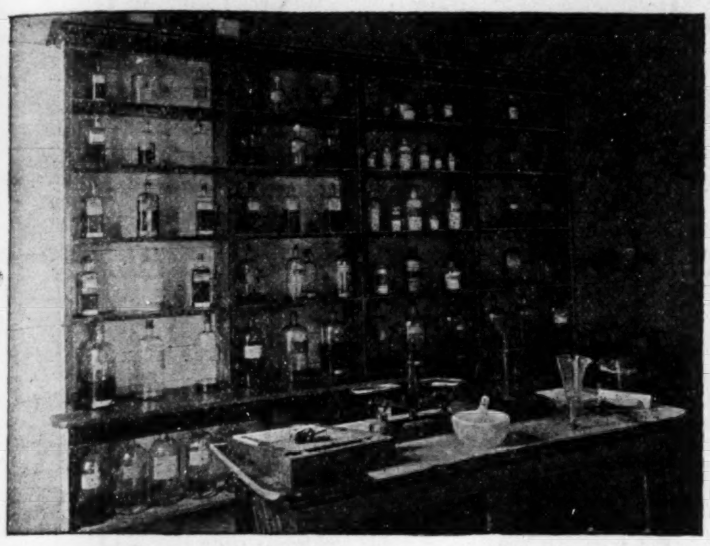
Supreme Chancellor E. A. Williams, of New Orleans,

Replies To Mr. R. M. Mitchell, of Chicago, Ill.—States The Other Side.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

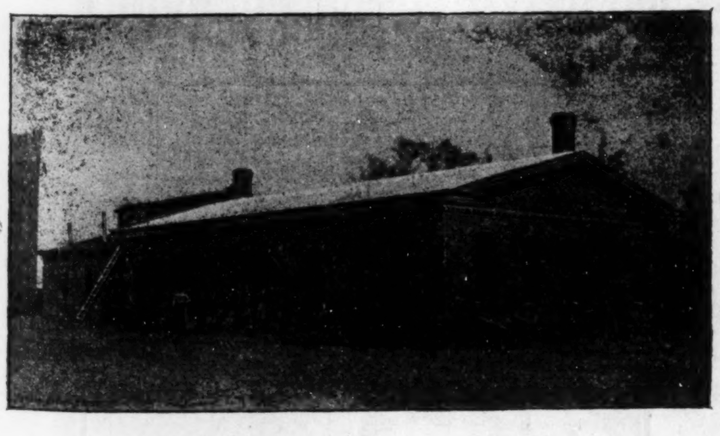
I hope you will pardon me for intruding upon the patience of the thousands of readers of your far-famed paper, as well as occupying so much of your valuable space, but when a man's character, all he has, is assailed by a person with none to assail, through your valuable paper, I am sure as a journalist, you will allow me to intrude.

In your issue of September 1st, Mr



DISPENSARY,
Tuskegee Normal Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

R. M. Mitchell, of Chicago, attempted to write about that which he knows nothing of, and in doing so, he fills the matter with falsehood, and inuendoes against myself. To begin with, he starts out by making a false statement of the position of Mr. J. H. Rathbone. I have letters on file that Dr. T. W. Stringer and I received from Mr. Rathbone, which proves him to have been the worst enemy the Negro had. To him more than any other man, is due the credit of the word "white," being in the constitution. At no time would he consent to the Negro enjoying any of the pleasures of the order. Dr. Stringer and myself called to see him twice in the treasury department at Washington, and he emphatically refused to allow us to talk Pythianism with him. Hence all the good things Mr. Mitchell asserts he, Rathbone, done and said for us is naught, but how could Mr. Mitchell know anything about the founding of the Knights of Pythias? He was only admitted into the order in 1892. He has no more records in his archives than the editor of THE FREEMAN has. It is the style of the man to boast on cheek. His history and knowledge of the order, are about as faulty as his title to Supreme Chancellor; built upon cheek and brass and other desceptive metal. He attempts to give some history of those colored men who were admitted; something that he nor any other living colored man knew, except a few of us



FOUNDRY AND BLACKSMITH SHOP,
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who are yet alive. For a majority of the men who were first made are yet dead. They were Stringer. Webster, Green, Munford, Place, Spellman, Bishop Campbell. Myself and two others are the only living witnesses, and I defy Mr. Mitchell to produce a a single letter from Mr. Rathbone. I say without successful contradiction that there was never but one white Supreme Chancellor who ever wrote a favorable letter or document to inspire us, and that was the lamented John Van Valkenburg. When he was at the New Orleans session of the White Supreme Lodge, New Orleans in '92 Dr, Stringer and a committee called upon him at his rooms, and he gave encouragement and wrote Dr. Stringer a letter of congratulations upon his election at St. Louis in 1883, and in 1887 he wrote me a similar letter both of which I have in the bank with other papers belonging to the order.

The public will see at a glance that Mr. Mitchell is not prepared to defy a thing he says or knows nothing of. He says I formed a conspiracy to oust Dr. Stringer. I am glad to know that some of the honorable men who attended that session at Richmond are living today, and I am sure will brand the accuastion as a falsehood. Messrs. Reed, of Connecticut; Papy, of Florida; Gabe of Arkansas; Garrett, of Missouri; Baquie, of Louisiana; and Barnes of Mississippi, will state that a committee called upon me at my rooms and invited me to the caucus. Mr Baquie I think as chairman informed me that I had been their unanimous choice, and asked would I accept. After a general understanding all round, I agreed to do so, The gentlemen are all living and I refer to them.

Instead of being Dr. Stringer's enemy, his family all living at Vicksburg, will state that we were the best of friends up to the day of his death. At first he refused to surrender the order to me at Richmond, but Sir J. D Kelley, of Pennsylvania, Wm. Grandison, of Massachusetts and the gentlemen I just mentioned, will state that Dr. Stringer and I came arm and arm to the session on the closing day at Richmond, and the records show that he seconded my nomination in 1889 at Cincinnati, and cast the ballot for me. Thus another falsehood is nailed.

Mr. Mitchell claims that I had a vacant chair placed in the centre of the hall and praised the dead man. I deny the assertion, and want to say that if ever a man played Brutus to perfection, that man is Robt. M Mitchell. But the Knights are like the people in the market place they exclaim, "away with the traitor and perjurer of the oaths of secret societies." Mr. Mitchell says I was expelled from the order, and that a mass meeting of my friends met at New Orleans &c. well oh, truth! but a man who can pile up so much chaff and rot about the worst enemy the Negro had in the order, would not stagger at any falsehood, if it was a mountain high. Now let me give the world a true history of this affair, then if men like L. G Wheeler or Rev. J. M. Townsend will lend their hands to such an illegal body, I am mistaken in all I have heard and read of them.

At the session of the order held in New York in 1891. I was elected unanimously as Supreme Chancellor for another term, and New Orleans was elected as the next place of meeting although I favored the city of Chicago. But in June 1893, Mr. L. H. Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was elected Supreme Vice Chancellor at the New York session also saw fit to have some fun as he afterwards called it; issued a circular declaring me the Supreme Chancellor suspended from office; assum control of the order, and called the Supreme Lodge to meet at Cincinnati, August 1893, in face of the law that says the session should be held in September, unless changed by a majority request, and in face of the fact that New Orleans had been selected as the place of meeting. He also suspended Sir D. W. Dempcy, the legal Grand Chancellor of Illinois, ignored the Grand Vice Chancellor. and appointed Mr. Mitchell Grand Chancellor of Illinois, Vice Dempcy. Now whoever heard of such high handed proceedings? When the time for the Cincinnati meeting came, nobody legally authorized to attend, attended; no not even the Grand Lodge of Ohio attended. Some members of the order suspended from their lodges went, and here is where Mr. Brutus Mitchell stabs Mr. Cesar L. H. Wilson, and stole the prize or fraudulent title of Supreme Chancellor.

If your valuable space will allow it, I would publish three letters from Mr. Wilson to show the people how he felt over the matter. Now I submit if Mr. Wilson had the right to suspend me, Mr. Stevenson has the same right to suspend Mr. Cleveland or a lieutenant govenor to suspend a govenor. The regular session met at New Orleans with the following states represented: Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida, West Virginia, Illinois, Georgia, New York. We transacted business as per law. Mr. Mitchell said a debt of $20,000.00 was piled up instead of paying the widows. Let me ask, how much did Mr. Mitchell or his lodge give? The records show that we owed $11 000.00 at that session and I am glad to say that fully $2,000-00 of back indebteness has been paid and the different Grand Lodges have paid widows since October 1893 over $4000 00. Can Mr. Mitchell say he has paid one-fourth that much? He says "the failure of the board produced my downfall." I reported that we had collected from August 1891 to August 1893 over $16000 00 and that we had paid widows $15,600.00 and had Mr. Mitchell kept his obligation, we would have paid the other 11,000 00

Now to the meeting at Indianapolis to heal the breach in the order. Who called the meeting? From whence came they? To what body do they belong? Who recognized them? Who attended? And who compose their unification committee? There is but one answer to these questions, the Mitchellmen who claim their chieftan and was elected at Cincinnati By whom? A rabble Gentleman, if you mean what you say (I mean those pious men who lends their names as tools to be used by a shrewd schemer) why did you not commence right? And why did you not end right? Who do you suppose from the regular order will recognize your self-styled committee?. Mr. Mitchell makes great claim that he has the original charter and seal. The order is incorporated at Washington, and is recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office. Now if a lot of theives steal it, are they the legal order? If Mr. Mitchell or I were to steal the original act of incorporation of the white Supreme Lodge of the world, would that make us legal? It is the same with us. Mr. Wood was expelled for 99 years. He had a seal and copy of the act; I had two originals made; that is I had it signed in deplicate. Mr. Wood refuses to give up the one he has, and Mr. Mitchell claims by holding these fraudulent documents, he is the legal Supreme Chancellor. He had Mr. Dempcy, the legal Grand Chancellor of Illinois and several other men arrested, but in each case, the court has said to Mr. Mitchell, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin."

Since the session of the Supreme Lodge here in 1893, we have organized a Grand Lodge for Kansas; one for Ohio, and one for Eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Mitchell has but one of our original Grand Lodges with him, Ohio, and its with him because I would not re-instate them with men like Riggs and Wilson who cannot be bound by an oath. He has six or seven lodges with him at Chicago, but the order hardly misses him or them.

Now Mr. Editor, I know that I have gone out of my proper sphere to air the doings of our order; I know the adage of letting the dead rest; I know I am singing Psalms to a dead carcass, but I hope to reach the people over this dead carcass, Mitchell, before the affluvia gets too strong for them. I am appearing in the interest of an order that should be perpetual. I consider nothing the man said inimical to me, from nothing, nothing comes.

Hoping that a forbearing public will weigh this matter upon its merits,

I am yours for the race,
E. A. WILLIAMS,
Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Lodge N. A. & S. A, E. A. & A.
New Orleans, La., Sept. 10, '94.

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AT BRIGHAM YOUNG'S GRAVE

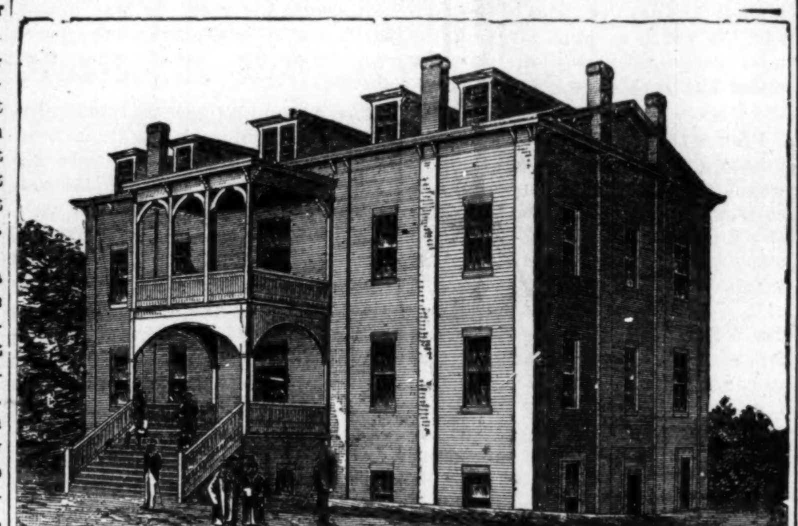
A Freeman Correspondent—A Magnificent City of

Splendid Walks And Glorious Verdue—A Wade In The Great Salt Lake—Acoustic Features of the Big Temple.

Salt Lake City, Utah. Special.

Mr. editor after a sojourn of two weeks in this, one of the most famous cities in America, I am prepared to write many things that I hope will interest your readers. I have visited many places of interest and met several persons of noted sience, our arrival. First we went to Garfield Beach, a pleasant resort about 18 miles from the city built at a cost of many thousand dollars, and in company of Mrs. W. W. Taylor I waded out in the great salt lake until its briney waters touched my chin, and I shall never forget the sensation of that event. Through the kindness of Mr. W. W. Taylor and wife, I had the privelege of fishing in the Gordon river, where we landed about fifty of as nice fish as that stream contained. In company of Mrs. M. J. Bright, we visited Brigam Young's Grave, the Eagle Gate, and many other places of importance. The great president's last resting place is located in the principal residence portion of the city, and comprises an inclosure of about two acres, which is surrounded by an iron picket fence built on a stone foundation the gate of which is kept locked day and night. There is no shrubry or flower beds or monument, just a plain marble slab that coveres the entire grave of the president. The grave of each of his wives that are buried there, as is also other prelates of the church is marked in the same way.

The buriying place of the great founder of mormonism in Utah, has the appearance of a well kept lawn. In our round with the real estate agent who are very curteous, we have seen many of the various additions to the city for property in the city is very cheap, and now is the time for those that are thinking of locating in this vally to invest, for the indications are favorable for a great growth of population in a few years for emmigration is slowly but surely coming this way. It is said that many of the mormons seem to have lost much of



ARMSTRONG HALL,
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their interest in everything but the church since, the gentiltes has come amongst them, thus many portions of the city are sadly in need of repair. We visited the tabernacle on Sunday September 2nd, and listened to a choir of about five hundrded voices. The world is too well acquainted with the history of this great structure for us to enter into any description, more than to say that the seating capacity is ten thousand, and one thousand more can be crowded in on great occasions. Another thing worthy of mention is that the speaker's voice is audiable all over the great building and a whisper can be heard from the pulpit to the further end of the gallery, which is 200 feet apart. The grounds on which the Tabernacle, the Temple and a large church of beautiful archetect stands, is inclosed by a concrete wall some 15 or 20 feet high and we are told that the gentiles and some of the mormons want the walls tore down. It occupies a block and we are also informed that seven blocks including the cross streets, which are very wide make a mile, and peculiarity about this city is that there is no alleys or a very few. The telegraph and electric light poles are in the middle of the street whilst the edge and in many cases both sides of the side walks are large shade trees mostly poplar, mulberry, maple, locust, walnut and elem. Fruit trees are every where, so the city is a forest of trees, fine shubry, lovely lawns, beautiful flowers, delicious fruit and plentiful gardens.

On labor day your scribe accompanied Mrs. Wallace Jackson and Miss Maud Roberson to Salt Air a summer resort about 16 miles from the city built in 1893 of moorish archetecture, at a cost $200,000, on the waters of the great Salt Lake 4,000 feet from shore. The length of the building is 1,115 feet, width is 335, in addition there are 620 bath rooms. This building is lit by electricity. Mrs. M. J. Bright took us to Beck Hot Springs for our Sunday morning bath, and it was the first time we ever plunged into a pool of hot briney or salt water, and we haven't felt very fresh since. Mrs. Emma Jackson took us to the soap factory, the canning factory and the ice manufacturing establishment where are prepared 25 tons of ice daily.

We expect to visit the Fort, the Tower the prison and many other places. We leave on the 10th so as to be in Grand Junction peach day, on the 11th all of which we will speak of in our interest. We are endeavoring to secure an agent for The Freeman in this city for we believe it should be in every household amongst our people. The weather is much cooler since the rain of last Friday and Saturday. We intend interviewing the president of Mormons church regarding his views of the Negroes becoming Mormons.

An Outing Party.

Harrisburg, Ill., Special.

Hon. Charles E. Messer is back from St. Louis, where he spent ten days visiting relatives and friends. He thinks St. Louis the greatest place on earth. Miss Millie Drayton, of Evansvile, is in the city, a guest of the Caseys. The commission house of W. B. Boddie & Co. has closed its doors for an indefinite time. "Billie" Patton is recovering from his sickness Prof. Duke Williams now sports a silk "tile." An outing party, consisting of Mrs. Emma Messer, Mrs. I. S. Neville, Charles Messer, Will J. Smith and Master Johnnie Messer, spent Sunday in Shawneetown. After a delightful visit in St Louis with Mrs. Lena Davis, of 2218 Morgan street, Miss Mertie Tanner is home again, helping 'Ma" with the birds. James Burnett, of Equality, spent Sunday in the city. The "skeleton" of a certain family will be hung on the public clothes-line shortly

There is strong talk of Rev. Hurd being returned to us again. He should be, for he has done great church work here the past conference year. Frank Messer came in from Evansville, Ind., last week. He is in the fine stock business. Mrs. Irene Smith-Neville, after spending three months in Chicago and two weeks in Indianapolis, thinks the latter place one of the finest cities in the United States. The Freeman is a great favorite here. Mrs. I. S. Neville, of Evansville, Ind., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emma Messer. A goodly number of our young people went to Chicago on the excursion.

Crops Damaged by Rain.

Selma, Ala, Special.

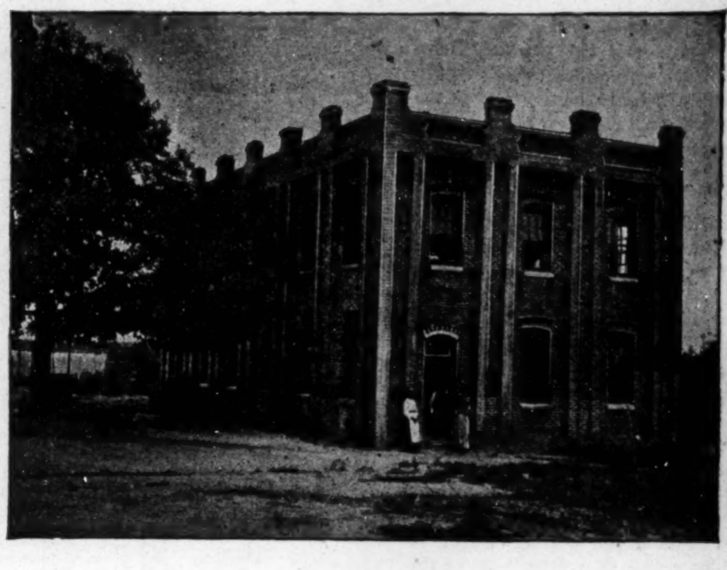
Crops, and especially cotton, have been greatly damaged by the continuous rain in this section of the country, and many men are out of employment on that account. Preparations are being made among our different schools for the opening next month. The prospect looks bright and no doubt we will have a larger attendance this season than we ever had before. We would feel safe in saying that Selma stands second to none in the South in the line of educational advantages. Students come from far and near to attend her different schools. The Freeman is the favorite paper here among the better class of people. We all praise the work of our race advocate, Miss Ida B. Wells. Our prayers are with her, wishing her long life and success in her great work. The members of the First Baptist church of this city have organized themselves into clubs over different portions of the city for the purpose of getting up money for the building of a larger church. The membership has been greatly increased, and they find it necessary to take steps to increase the seating capacity Mrs. W. B. Johnson is visiting her sister in Birmingham, Ala.

Ladies' Industrial Society Organized.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

Several ladies met at the residence of Mrs. Chapman Rhodes and organized a Ladies' Industrial Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Smith; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Adams, after which they adjourned to meet at Mrs. Charles Lacklyn's 125 Chicago street, on September 25.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bradshaw is quite ill with diphtheria; also a son with typhoid fever. Miss Eliza Bradshaw is convalescing. Miss Rosa Jones and Mr. William Henderson will be married Wednesday, September 19th, instead of September 16th. Mrs. Mary Wright has left for Laty, O., to visit her sister, Mrs. John Morning. Mrs. Thornton, guest of Mr and Mrs. Young, 72 Murray St., has returned to her home in Pittsburg. Mrs Lydia Stillgus has returned from Williamsport, where she attended camp-meeting and visited friends. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones left for Bellefontaine on Sunday morning. Rev. Collins and wife left for Lansing. Mich., to attend the conference. Mrs. Amanda Moter is quite ill at her home, 70 Murray street.



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Negro Brutally Treated

Rusk, Tex., Special.

Rusk is situated in the Eastern portion of the "Lone Star State," amidst the finest iron ore deposited in this country. We have had many things to disturb the easy going denizens of these piney hills, but on yesterday occured one of the most inhuman act ever perpetrated upon a living soul. While I write Calvin Young colored, escape convict from the county poor farm, lies in the county jail here, nigh unto death. He is speechless, and swollen with bruises. He is in great agony and the wonder is that he is alive. All this is caused by John Dial who has the county contract to work the county convicts following Calvin Young and overtaking him at Stephen Station, about ten miles from here. He arrested Calvin Young tied his hands in front of the horse and buggy. He got in his buggy took his whip and in this manner drove Calvin Young all the way from Stephen Station to Rusk in a trot, and there peraded the streets with him.

I have often heard of similar treatment in the days of slavery, but I didn't think that I would live to see it. This is a shame upon our country and citizens. This is one instance of the many in black. Just last week six colored men on suspicion were shot down in a bunch together. It is a rare thing to read a paper that does not contain some horrible deed done to the Afro-American. How long! Oh, how long will we be subjected to such treatment in the South.

At Travelers' Rest.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

There will be an entertainment given for the benefit of the G. U. O. of O. F., Saturday night. S. B. Jenkins, of Parke school-house, closed his school last Friday night with a grand exhibition. Jackson Brown and family, and a good many others, took the trip to

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Duvall's Bluff on Sunday, to attend the big baptizing. Croquet seems to be the game of the day. E. F. Berry was quite sick last week, but at this writing is improving. Mrs. Carruth has been on the sick list for two weeks, but is now better.

Miss Georgia Wright has returned to spend the winter with the good people of Clarendon. J. E. Hamilton took a crowd to Travelers' Rest to attend the rally. Owing to rain the crowd of young people that intended taking a drive out to Liberty on Sunday was disappointed

Elder Jones is doing a grand work at his church. Wm. Orr. returned Tuesday, the 4th, looking well. James Doris' sister was in the city Saturday, en route to Pine Bluff. The teachers' institute will convene here Tuesday the 18th. The public examination of teachers in Monroe county will be held here Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21.

EDITOR OF THE RECORDER

READ A LECTURE.

BY G. W. WILLIAMS, REDDING, ALA.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

While I hate very much to consume any of the space of your precious journal, yet, much to my displeasure I have read for some time through the columns of your great sheet, a direct and indirect dispute of the most ill natured kind going on between some of our leading dignitaries (?) of the A. M. E. church, tempered by personal and selfish ends, which has certainly all but clipped the feathers of our wings of will and paralyzed our every hopes of ever being what we could or should be in the grand cause of which I am identified.

It is certainly disgusting to see our ripest talent, and especially those who claim to be practicing the religion taught by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make such wild and deplorable blunders as are being made by such men as Drs. H. T. Johnson and John M. Henderson. Both these gentlemen are members of the general office roll—Lord Jesus when shall it ever be that the Negro race will rise to see the many a sad mistake they make, and pray to God their souls to take?

I am an ignorant man, but 25 years of age; I joined the conference in 1891, in Gainesville, Alachua county, Fla., and have held but four small appointments since that time, but hope to push my way onward and upward until I can stand on one side of the globe and be felt and heard on the other.

Now I hope no one will think I am so foolish as to try to correct such well informed gentlemen as Drs. Johnson and Henderson, but we hope they will correct their own errors and call a halt, for it is lowering the ministerial dignity everywhere in the minds of the illiterate classes, saying nothing about the learned. Of course I am unable to dictate to the conscience of those doctors, but it does seem that if such a course as Drs. Johnson and Henderson is allowed to go on, the day is not far hence when the grand old A. M. E church will be made to blush in shame.

Doctors, we know you and your ability, for God's sake, for the church's sake and for the race's sake, stop! Such men will not do to be at the helm.

Dr. Johnson, editor of the Christian Recorder, is a standing menace in the way of progress to the Recorder. Why? Because he does not run it to the pleasure of the church, but to the pleasure of himself and to the displeasure of the church. I can and will name one who is worth equally as much to the connection as Dr. Johnson, and this man can't get an article published through the columns of the church organ unless it caters to the will of Dr. Johnson, but still he must pay to keep it running. There is too much dirt in such actions to let them pass unnoticed.

The time is now at hand when this church will stop honoring men for their names, and will honor them for their worth to it. Honor to whom honor is due, and it certainly is due to the man or set of men who do the work to keep the machine running.

Now I don't style myself as one who deserves such honor, because I have done nothing, comparitively speaking, to be considered, but my day is not behind me; but here is Rev. R. R. Fain, P. E., a man of sterling worth to the cause, if he has not the title of D. D. to his name, who wrote a letter to the Recorder for publication and because it nettled the editor a little for his bull headedness, he found no other room for it but the waste basket. I admire Dr. Johnson's grit, but don't give a fig for his discretion.

I subscribed for the paper at Pratt City and paid $1 00 on my subscription, and my good brother failed to send me the paper for over three months, and my writing him all along to send it. I had to notify Bishop Grant, and then it was some weeks before it could find its way to my home. It came for three months regular, and then the editor cut it off again. I have wrote him asking information as to why he stopped it, but he being about the size of President Cleveland in his own conceit if not in greatness, couldn't stoop to reply, still I am out of both money and paper.

While trying to forget his sins, I picked up The Freeman and lo, and behold, he stoutly denies a brother the right to defend himself against an evil attack made against him by his enemy through the columns of a paper that he is helping to support. It is shameful of course.

If Dr. Johnson continues to run the Recorder, it will prove a failure, because if I am a small potato, I have the same feelings that a large one has, and will not pay my money for anything that I can't have the benefit of. If you will attend to your business and stop spatting with your brother on subjects of the most insignificant kind to gain favor and recognition, you will do us a great favor.

Open your gab a little against the many evils and inhumane acts that are being perpetrated against us daily by our oppressors, and stop stooping so low to get even with a brother because you have the chance, and to gratify your own feelings.

Please send me the Recorder so I can see and learn what my leader, Bishop Grant, has to tell me through its columns.

The Shooting of the Six.

New Orleans, La., Special.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Allow me to inform you that on the 26th of July Jas. Murray, alias "Greasy Jim," was supposed to be a murderer of some one. He was spotted by a colored man and arrested by private night watchman Cotter. It resulted in private night watchman Cotter being instantly killed and "Greasy Jim" made well his escape for five weeks, when he was captured Aug. 30th, by officer Ben Duckworth, of Mississippi City, and brought back to this city and placed behind the prison bars, to await his trial Sept. 5th. It is very strange indeed to note that he was not lynched when captured, as it seems to be the remedy meted to the colored people in the South, as was the case the 31st, ult., when six colored men near Millington, Tenn, a small village on the C. O. & S. W. railroad, leading out from Memphis, was accused of barn burning. Their names, Dan Hawkins, Robert Haines, Warner Miller, Ed. Hale, John Hale and Glen White, were accused of being implicated in barn burning. They were arrested by officer Richardson, hand-cuffed, put into a wagon and was being driven by one Mr. Adkinson to Millington, I suppose for a trial, but on arriving at Big Creek, some one cried out from the woods that the bridge had fallen and to come this way. So Richardson got out of the wagon, took the horses by the reins and led them in the direction from whence the voice came. Just as he was leading into the ravine, fifty shots rang out and four of the men fell back. Hawking threw his arms around the driver's neck and he was shot loose and his head blown off; the box on which the driver sat was filled with bullet holes. Two men guarded Richardson, two others Atchison, and two others the team. In two minutes the work was over, and the mob rode off under command of one leader. Richardson guarded the dead men while Atchison went after Squire Hill. The jury consisting of four colored men and the rest white, held an inquest and rendered a verdict that the six men came to their death from gun shots, fired from unknown men. Meanwhile, the out-going sheriff, A. J. McLendon, will do all that he can to bring the lynchers to justice. It will avail nothing for him to find them, for on July 22, '93, Lee Walker was lynched on Front street, not very far from where A. J. McLendon is living, and in the presence of at least 3,000 people, and some of the mob were known, and nothing was done to them. Useless to think that he will go to the country and find perpetrators of such deeds.

It is an understood thing throughout the South to kill the colored people by such lawlessness, despite Miss Wells' protest against lynching, and Governors Northern and Stone's denial to Great Britain, the work still goes on. We will be glad to see the day when peace and happiness will greet our homes in the South. We will be made to rejoice as did our fathers when the chains and the yoke of bondage was thrown from them and they were declared free men and walked in the broad sphere of the same. Yet there are many stumbling blocks in our paths.

W. H. JONES.

Tuskegee Normal & Industrial Institute.

BY WILLIAM JENKINS.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Eleven years ago on coming to Tuskegee as an instructor I found what might have been termed a finished town. The houses were old and often unpainted; the streets were overgrown with grass and rank weeds in many cases. Every thing indicated that the town was of the past. I felt many forebodings of fear as I was driven through the broad and ancient streets. My thoughts went back half a century to the time when this place must have been from present indications, the garden spot of Alabama where dwelt the wealthy farmers of the rich lowlands who were anxious that their families should have the advantage of social intercourse and be able to educate their children far from the miasma of the swamps. I do not mean to say that there were no progressive people in the place for there were a few thrifty merchants who did a fair business, especially during the Autumn when cotton money was circulating; but, there were no industries which might arouse the latent energies of the rank and file and as a result many of the most progressive had left for other states and cities where greater activities were in store for them.

I found the people of the town quiet, refined and conservative, but, a most wonderful change has come over the entire community. It is true that often now a burned house is not rebuilt and many a house would be the better off with a coat of paint. And yet I find a different spirit pervading the town today. The business houses seem better stocked; the merchants appear more polite, as a rule; the Post Office, I am told is no longer of the fourth class; trees have been set out and indications point to a more prosperous condition.

Why, the county has even built a new and substantial brick jail. All this remarkable change has been brought about by the influence of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute which has grown from a pigmy to an elephant within the short space of 13 years. As I now sit in the third story of Phelps' Hall and gaze the landscape over I am almost confounded by the remarkable change which has taken place in such a remarkably short time. Then we had two buildings, now I count from this eminence twenty-three and two under construction. From this point I can also see the tops of the houses in Greenwood. This is another one of the indefatigable Washington's ideas. Greenwood is a new town that is growing up near the school property. It is a fine illustration of the lessons taught in this institution. Many of the houses were built and are owned by the graduates of the Tuskegee Institute,

Much interest centers in Greenwood, Ninety-five percent. of its inhabitants are educated. I believe that Greenwood is the most cultured spot in America.

I am here rusticating after having been so unceremoniously dumped by Uncle Sam's representatives. You are probably aware of the fact that we have here through the efforts of Prof. Washington "a Negro Summer Chatauqua" where those who can afford it may spend 10 days of light study, pleasure and rest. I came here for the the purpose of studying the Industrial system but I am also taking advantage of the literary feast prepared by such prominent men as Rev. J. W. E. Brown of Gammon Theological school of Atlanta, Ga, Rev. Mr Pollard of Montgomery, Ala, Rev. Mr. Harris, of Meridian, Miss., and others.

Then, too, I have gotten much out of the social feature which is a prominent factor, To-night, Saturday 25th Aug. 1894, we meet in social confab. It is just barely possible that a few life-time affairs may be promulgated as the elite of Tuskegee will be present.

FOUND DEAD

In Bed—Addressed by Prospective Govenors.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.

We were treated Friday night to speeches from each of the candidates for Governor. Jas. P. Clark, the Democrat, showed very clearly to the members of his party that unless he was elected the state would go to ruin, but in the event he was chosen to fill the gubernatorial chair, peace and prosperity would more than abound.

The Republican demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of his Republican hearers that no state was safe till every office from Governor to constable was filled by Republicans.

The Populist said that both Democrat and Republican office-seekers had nothing in common with the plainer people, but were the subservient tools of the plutocrats and monopolists and if trusted any longer to administer the affairs of state, the people might lie in momentary expectation of being ground to powder.

Our brethren of the M. E. church are engaged in revival services. For two nights they have been preached to by Elder Edwards a Baptist pastor from Little Rock. Labor Day was celebrated in grand style by the different labor unions trade organizations, etc, They made a fine street parade. They had a picnic and speech making at Whittington Park.

Mr. Butler Brown, a citizen of our town and a great hunter, has been on the sick list for a year or more. This morning he was found dead in his bed room. He leaves a twelve year old boy to mourn his loss. His wife and him having separated some two years since. Rev. Bennett expects to leave next week for the national Baptist Convention which assembles at Montgomery, Ala. Rev. Bennett and his church are particularly interested in the Foreign Mission work of that body, since one of the members of the church is a missionary in Africa. We hope the membership may go to the extent of their ability in helping swell the mission fund.

Rev. D. Nightingale has returned full as ever of smiles. He enjoys a bycicle race hughly and would try a wheel himself were he not so blessed with flesh. One thing which perhaps contributes to his happiness is the fact that he gave his gold spectacles to the educational work of the Arkansas Baptist state Convention, which recently sat in Helena.

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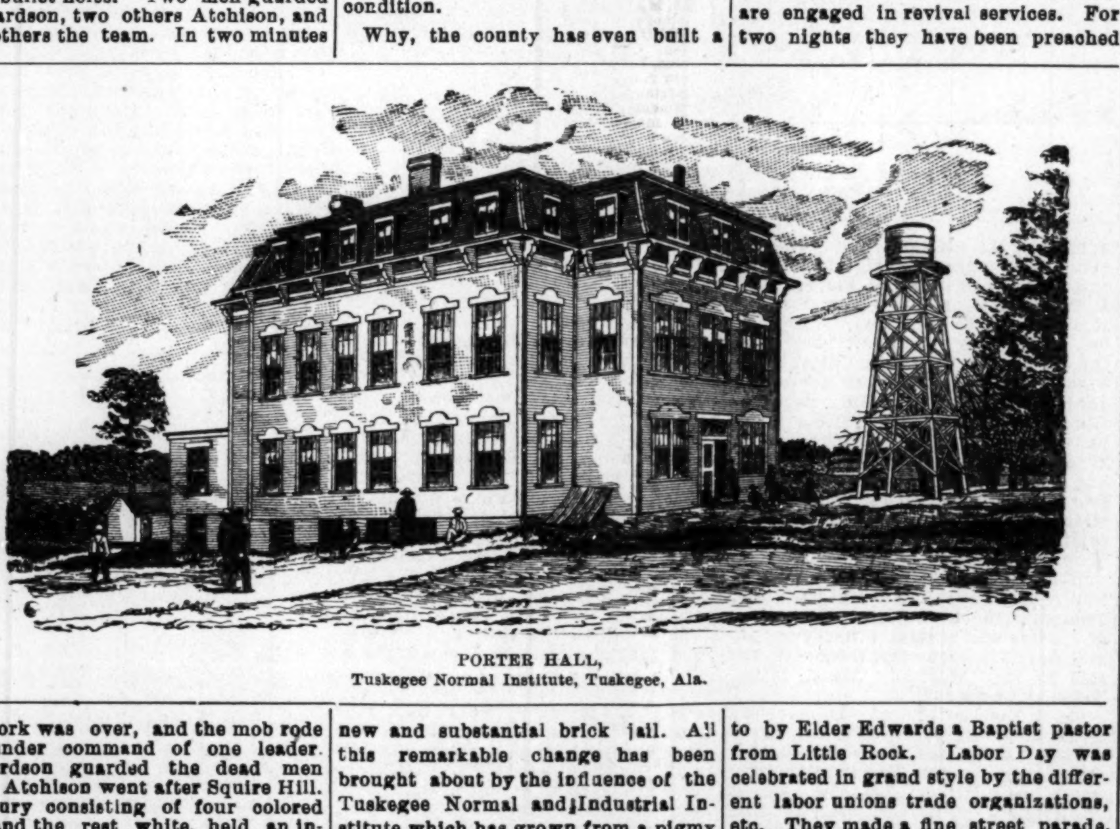

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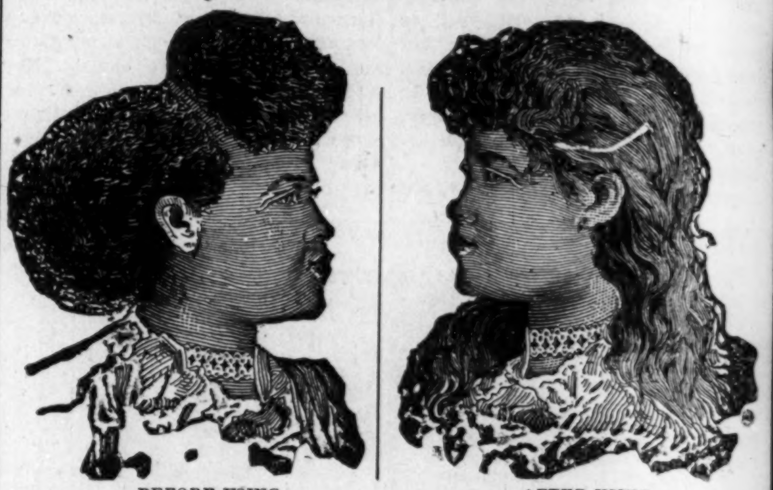

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

A few weeks ago I read an article in your paper written by one S W. Moore. The said gentleman seems to take exception to some articles that have appeared in your much esteemed journal.

But what appears strange to the undersigned is the fact that Mr. Moore strenuously objects to certain evils in the A. M. E. church being made public, while he does not by a single word deplore the existence of said evils.

After carefully reading the article, however, we are not so much surprised at this glaring inconsistency on the part of the writer, as we soon discovered that the whole of it was filled with strange and absurd positions.

In the first place, he assumes that a minister is guilty of a grave wrong who dares to write to secular papers concerning evils existing in a church. Now I would like to ask upon what grounds he bases this opinion?

Is it wrong for any minister to denounce wrong at any time, or in any place? Or rather, is it not his bounden duty to do so at all times? And if it is the duty of the minister to denounce wrong, why should he be deprived of the privilege of doing so through the public press, when by that means he can assuredly strike greater terror to the hearts of evildoers?

So long as great evils are passed by with silence, just so long will they grow and take deeper root. And a faithful minister of Christ will avail himself of every opportunity to cry out with no uncertain tones against the existence of such.

Now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, if the church desires to prosper and to have God's approval, it must take a decided stand for the right. Some contend that in case of existing evils the best course to pursue in order to extirpate the same is to bring them before the courts of the church, and not have them paraded before the world in secular newspapers. They urge this because they would have it appear that the church will be harmed by letting the truth be made known.

There is only one way by which I can see that the church can be harmed by the truth, and that is after having seen the most glaring wrongs, it stands idly by and makes no effort to root out the same. But, on the other hand, when great wrongs are pointed out, if the church fearlessly condemns the wrongs and justly punishes the guilty, incalculable good is derived therefrom by the church. I think that a calm and dispassionate view of this question will cause all to see the truth of this proposition. When John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, he fearlessly and strenuously condemned evil and evildoers and likewise must every conscientious and faithful minister of the gospel do.

Now there is a grave question, whether the best results can be attained by always bringing these evils before the secret courts of the church. In many cases it is difficult to get a hearing before such courts, and if successful in getting a hearing there are those who believe that something will be done to smooth over things, so that Mr. A or Mr. B will not be harmed. On the other hand when these matters are carried to the secular press, such a public sentiment is aroused that those in authority are compelled to take cognizance of the same and do what lies in their power to make pure that which is impure. And such a course never does harm to God's church.

The church is the exponent of right, and when it does right it has God with it. And God being with the church, it will be more than a match for those who contend against it. Let the church drive out wrong, and let it not be too particular as to the method used to accomplish the desired result.

Now it is contended that the minister does harm who writes to the secular press concerning the evils existing in the church. We will admit that he does do harm or injury, but not to the church of God. The injury which he inflicts falls upon the evil-doer. And can any conscientious man contend that the minister who thus does harm is guilty of a wrong action? Only in one way can it be conceived that such an injury carries with it a wrong action, and that is that the evils are brought before the public with a malicious and selfish purpose to injure.

But when from a pure and holy motive and a conscientious sense of right one either through the pulpit or the press condemns the wrong, he most assuredly has the approval of God and should have the moral support of all exponents of truth and righteousness. Did I say should have? Well, I made a mistake; he will have the moral support of the exponents of truth and righteousness?

Now I do not want this to be considered in any sense as a reply to the article of S. W. Moore, as that gentleman has shown himself to be narrow-minded and contemptibly weak and almost beneath the notice of thoughtful men, in making use of the vile threat, "We will meet you at the General Conference."

In conclusion, I will say that I recognize in the press a great power for good, and in this age of progress the church and its ministers cannot afford to ignore this power. They should rather utilize it, and by that means be enabled to do much toward spreading the kingdom of the Lord Jesus.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

Of Coming National Press Convention.

FIRST DAY —MORNING SESSION.

Address of Welcome and Responses. Calling roll and enrollment of new members.

Address by retiring President, Editor John Mitchell, Jr. Appointment of Committees.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper by Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of Christian Recorder. The Religious news paper as a promoter and conservator of Christianity, virture and morality; discussed by editors G, W. Clinton, A. M., Star of Zion; W. H. Steward, American Baptist; Dr. C. H. Philips, Christian Index; W. J. White, Georgia Baptist; Dr. D. J Sanders, Afro-American Presbyterian and G. W. Bragg, Church Advocate, Dr. F. W- S. Hammond, South Western Christian Advocate.

EVENING SESSION.

Paper, Lynch-law as a national evil, Miss Ida B. Wells, Chicago Conservator. Discussion T. Thomas Fortune New York Age; John Mitchell, Jr. Richmond Planet; H. C. Smith, Cleveland Gazette; W. Allison Sweeney, Indianapolis Freeman; M. M. Lewey, Florida Sentinel; J. H. Young, Raleigh Gazette; Matt. N. Lewis, Pittsburg Lancet Recorder.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Poem, Josie D. Heard. Paper, How can Race Journalism best be promoted and a paying subscription list maintained, E. E. Cooper, Colored American. Discussion by Chris. J. Perry, Philadelphia Tribune; H. C. Smith, Cleveland Gazette; R. B. Russell, Maxton Blade. Historian's paper, J. C. Duke, Pine Bluff Echo.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper, Would Syndicate Matter strengthen or weaken the character of our best race Jonrnals?—Scott Wood Petersburg Herald. Discussion, T. T. Fortune, Age; Dr. F. W. S. Hammond, South Western Chrisitian Advocate; G. C. Scurlock, Fayetteville sun; Dr. Perry, Brock'yn Monitor; George C. Rowe, Charleston Enquirer; Dr. J. C. Embry, Christian Recorder.

EVENING SESSION.

How can our Periodical and Review literature be best made to pay and at the same time attractive and educational. Dr. L. J. Coppin A. M. E. Review Disscussion, Dr. Bishop Johnson, Baptist Review; J. C. Dancey, A. M. E. Z. Quarterly.

Dr, C. S. Smith, editor Sunday school Quarterly, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. R. R. Morris, editor Sunday school Quarterly, Montgomery, Ala., Mrs. Victoria Earl, New York City Quarterly, What constitutes the best and saftes tkind of leadership in this crises of our race history. W. Calvin Chase, Washington Bee. Discussion,—Wheeling W. Va., Pioneer Press; Prof. J. D. Chavers, Greensboro Methodist; James Paterson, Knoxville, Tenn., World; W. C. Smith, Charlotte Messenger——New Orleans Crusader; J. Q. Adams, Chicago Appeal;——San Francisco Vindicator.

THIRD DAY.

Induction of new officers in office. Paper, should the Press be silent in the face of wrong in order to maintain a friendly feeling, W. Allison Sweeny, Indianapolis Freeman. Discussion and libtium led by Rev. J. W. White, Georgia Baptist. Present needs of the Press, T. T. Fortune, Discussion open to all. Is the Press as great an influence to the world now as thirty years ago and wherein is the difference,——Boston Courant. Discussion open to all. Selection of time and place of next session.

Adjourment,

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Thomas White and J. W. Bass are at Terre Haute.

Mrs. Fort Bazil has returned from the Lake city.

Phillip Miller, of Chicago, was in the city this week.

Ralph Spaulding has returned home to Lexington, Ky.

William Dixon, Jr. has returned from the Windy City.

Miss Edna Gist spent a pleasant time at Brazil last week.

Dr. William Chavis has removed to 128½ W. Michigan street.

John Wilson, who resides at 225 W. North street, is on the sick list.

Mrs. William Kersey is quite ill at her residence, on Moriah street.

Mrs. Mary Jackson is quite indisposed at her home, 434 Blake street.

Scipio Highbaugh, of Irvington, has gone to Pittsburg, Pa., on a flying trip.

Mrs. Emmaline Bridges and her daughter-in-law are home from Chicago.

George W. and Master Louis Jones are visiting friends in northern Indiana.

Miss Marietta, daughter of Mrs. Jno. Wayne is at Louisville visiting friends.

Miss Ada Harris will erect a flag staff to-day at her school at Shepherdsville.

Mrs. Lourena Payne is still indisposed and fears are entertained for her recovery.

Miss Georgia Stevenson and Miss Lizzie Sweeny spent last week in Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Alexander Isabel has resigned the pastorate of the Columbus, Ind., Baptist Church.

Elwood Knox and Abe Denny are spending the week in Lexington, visiting the Fair.

Revs. Henderson, Price and Boyd, are attending the A. M. E. Conference at Kokomo.

Misses Flora and Nora Morin, of Muncie, are having a good time among our society goers.

Howard Ball returned from Logansport, accompanied by his cousin, Samuel Ratliff, Monday.

Mrs. Dollie Lewis will leave for Knoxville, Tenn., and other points South on to-morrow.

Geo. W. E. Dampsey, the good natured court bailiff, of Noblesville, was in the city last week.

Quite a large number of people are taking in the cheap Saturday night excursions to Chicago.

William Hargo, of Minneapolis, and Miss Hattie Givens, of this city, wedded on last Wednesday evening.

Dr. S. L. Addison has returned to the city, after spending the summer vacation at Lake Maxinkuckee.

Revs. Anthony Bunch and J. P. Thompson are attending the A. M. E Zion conference at St. Louis, Mo.

Aaron Mitchell, Dock and Isaac Scott, three "Old" Fellows from Noblesville, were in the city last week.

Miss Mattie Temple gave an evening party on last Thursday in honor of Miss Maggie Pierce, of the "Queen City."

Mrs. Sarah Hill, of Connersville, Ind., is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. Mary Robinson, 122 Agnes street.

Joseph King and Master Ray King, of Lebanon. Ind, are the guests of Mrs. Sadie Valentine, 178 Muskingum street.

Miss Ora Jones, the "Hoosier Warbler," was honored by appointment as first soprano of the choir of Allen Chapel.

Messrs. Aaron Scott and Isaac, his brother, and Aaron Mitchell, of Noblesville, Ind., were in the city on last Saturday, sight-seeing.

The Indiana conference of the A. M. E. Church is holding its session at Kokomo, Ind., Rt. Rev. Bishop A. W. Wayman, D. D., presiding.

Miss Laura York, formerly of Indianapolis, but lately of Clay county, and John Walls, of Milwaukee, were married last Wednesday evening.

Rev. J. M. Morton, of Antioch Baptist church, held a series of special services at his church every night last week and much interest was manifested.

Rev. T. A. Henderson, D. D., delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Indiana conference in responce to the Mayor of Kokomo, on last Wednesday.

Rev. Theophilus Price preached his farewell discourse on last Sunday night. It is the desire of our citizens that Rev. Price be again returned to Allen Chapel,

H. P. Woods, of Springfield, O., was in the city the first of the week called here by the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Payne. He returned home Tuesday.

The many friends of druggist J. B. Owens will be pleased to learn that he is engaged in doing a respectable business among the better class of white citizens in the locality of Illinois and Meridian streets.

The event in social circles this week was the reception tendered in honor of Attorney L. L. Burks and Mrs. Burks, of Chicago, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, 296 Yandes street, on last Thursday evening

Rev O. A. Williams, of the Ninth Presbyterian church, will preach tomorrow at 11 a. m. from Matt. xxii, 5; subject, "The Gospel Despised." At 8 p. m., preaching from Acts xxiii, 9; subject, "Men fighting against God."

Added to the list of teachers in our public schools from a recent issue, are the appointments of Misses Mary Palmer, Oak Hill; Flora Belle Passmore, Bridgeport; Ada Harris and Grace E. Lucas, Shepherdsville; William M Lewis, N. Indianapolis, and Miss Daisy Stewart, Greenfield, Ind.

Personal Mention.

Prof. R. B. Curry, B C. L., of Ohio, was in the city the first part of the week, and delivered a lecture Tuesday night to the Daughters of Samaria and Good Samaritans.

Mrs. Dr Jennie Roberts, of 23 Elmwood avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, was a recent visitor in Indianapolis, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stith, 246 Fayette street.

Mr. and Mrs. Othello Roundtree and their daughters, Alberta and Ulrica, who lately removed to this city from Omaha, Neb, have returned to their Western home for permanent residence. During their brief sojourn in the Hoosier metropolis they made many friends who regretted their departure.

NICHOLSON-KNOX.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 6th, friends and relatives to the number of about thirty, assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Knox to witness the marriage of their only daughter, Nellie Blanche, to Mr. James Nicholson, of this city, formerly of Peru, Ind. The bride wore a handsome gown of white crepon, with lace and ribbon garniture, and carried a large boquet of bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black. Dainty refreshments were served in abundance, while music and toast added to the gala event. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson are at home to their friends at No. 25 Mahew street, this city.

Last Days of Pompeii.

The production of the Last Days of Pompeii has proven a success as to an exhibition and in points of attendance. The crowds of last week far exceeded all expectation. Thursday night "Niagara Falls" was produced. The Eruption of Vesuvius last Saturday night was finer than at any previous night, the fire works being the finest ever seen in this city. The corps of performers have been strengthened by the addition of a number of grotesque dancers from Chicago, which adds greatly to the merriment of the audience. No one can afford to miss seeing the Last Days of Pompeii.

Honored By Guadalupe College.

Rev. J. W. Carr, the esteemed and very popular pastor of the Second Baptist Church, this city, was recently honored by having the degree of D. D. conferred upon him by Guadalupe College, located at Seguin, Tex. In the letter bearing the tidings of the distinction conferred, under date of September 6, the following is gleaned: "The institution feels that you deserve that much recognition. Your service to the people and to your God is known by many, and while others may remember you well, we would have you understand that we love you not only for your spirit for race pride, but for other qualities enumerated above."

Their Golden Wedding.

William C. Napier and his estimable wife, old and well-known citizens of Nashville, Tenn., and well known in this city, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on the 15th ult.

Baptist Ministerial Alliance.

Mt. Zion Baptist church—Sunday School at 9 a. m., attendance 100, collection $1 80; preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor, at 7:30 by J. W. Butterworth; collection $39 92.

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist church—Sunday School at 9 a m., attendance 33, collection $.55; preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. N. Payne, at 7:30 by pastor; collection $9 35.

Olivet Baptist church — Sunday School at 9 a. m., attendance 32, collection $ 27; preaching at 11 a. m. by Licentiate Chas. Taylor, at 8 p. m. by Rev. P. Boone; collection $8 20.

Franklin (Ind.) Baptist church—Sunday School as usual; preaching morning and evening by pastor, collection $6 01.

Second Baptist church — Sunday School at 9 a. m., attendance 205, collection $1 87; preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. R. D. Leonard, at 7:30 p. m. by pastor; collection $35.29.

New Bethel Baptist church—Sunday School at 9 a. m., attendance 47, collection $ 82; preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor, at 3 p. m by Rev. J. M. Morton, at 7:30 p. m Rev. A. Isabel, of Columbus, Ind.; collection $154 82.

"What We May Do to Be Saved."

This is the title of a book by Dr. J. L. Stephens, of Lebanon, O. It is a handsome volume, full of valuable information concerning the Opium and Morphine habits, and should be in the hands of every person interested in this subject. Dr. Stephens is regarded by the scientific world as the best living authority on this subject. He has twice served in the State Senate, and against his protest was recently nominated for Congress. Anyone wanting a copy of this book should write the Doctor.

Grand Union Rally.

In order to meet some financial obligations now pending, the Ninth Presbyterian church has arranged for a grand Union rally on the afternoon of the 23rd inst. All the pastors comprising the Ministerial Union of Indianapolis will assist the Ninth church on the above date, this being the first Union rally at that church. There will be a Union sermon preached by one of the prominent ministers of the Union.

The Anti-League Meetings

Held at the Second Baptist church was an enthusiastic one. Speeches were made by Rev. L. M. Hagood, M. D., President Cable, Mrs. Caroline Lee, Dr. S. A. Elbert, Rev. E. B. Martin and others. The meeting last night at Ninth Presbyterian church was also an enthusiastic one. Miss Wells is booked to speak in this city at Young Men's Hall the nights of Sept. 27th and 28th.

Surprised Their Pastor.

On last Monday evening, just before the close of the Christian Endeavor, the ladies of Bethel A. M. E. church completely surprised their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Henderson, by presenting them a large and delicious barrel of flour. This in accordance with an old and pretty custom of that church, much venerated by the older members.

Can Cure Cancer.

John B. Harris, of Fort Payne, Ala., has made a great reputation by curing cancer by a simple, safe and speedy method, without the use of the knife, and the patient does not even have to leave home. Anyone who is afflicted should write for a free pamphlet, which will cheerfully be forwarded on application.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Belle Cheatham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brooks, No 30 Chapelle street, died unexpectedly Tuesday at 4 p. m. Her remains were taken to the old homesterd in Hamilton county for burial.

Postponed.

The Operatta which was to take place September 27 and 28th, at Corinthian and Zion churches respectfully has been postponed until the 4th and 5th of October.

A. M. E. District Conference.

New Orleans, Special.

The A. M. E. District Conference convened last week at St. James Chapel. Rev. J. H Harper presiding, Rev. G. C. Taylor delivered the opening address, Rev. Adolph Mitchell responded, contributions, for the Harper Industrial College, was very good. The Conference closed Sunday night, Bishop A. Grant being present preached at St. James Chapel A. M. E. church, and lectured at union Bethel A. M. E church Sunday night also. The M. E. church district conference had a very nice time during their session.

The electric car ran over a white man cut off his legs, he was carried to the charity hospital and died, ran over a child and killed it. A colored woman was shot by a white man, he first ran away, rather hid himself. The next day he gave himself up to the officers, was put in jail though he has not been given a trial. A policeman sucided on the 3rd. At an attack of malarial fever he become despondent. There has been a building erected back of town to burn the garbage. It has caused much talk from the public since it has been built on account of such an offensive odor, which made the people go to work and try to rid the community of the plant, not being very successful in their attempt, so it went down in ashes Monday the 3rd. An excursion from here to Natchez, Mississippi, on the 3rd.

Good Word For P. E. Jackson.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Presiding Elder Rev. G. L. Jackson is a true Christian gentleman and always has the good of souls, the cause of Christ, the welfare of the race and the advancement of the church at heart. We have known Rev. Jackson for over twenty years. Under his ministration the writer professed a hope in Christ. Your representative did not write the bogus letter, speaking hard things about this man of God, that appeared in last week's Freeman. He wanted his money. The good Book says a workman is worthy of his hire.

We are sorry to say that the good old State of Tennessee. Some of its people, numbered among the bloodthirsty, savages that shed the blood of the poor, innocent Negro on suspicion are fit to be numbered with the dark ages. The noble and true-hearted Governor says the guilty parties who did the dark and disgraceful deed must and shall be brought to justice, and the bloody handed murderers must be stopped at all cost.

Lawyer J. C. McAdams goes to his new field of labor. We wish him great success. Gosling's Blacks came off best in a game of base-ball with Fayetteville last week. Prof. Barnor, of Fayetteville, entertained the people of Shelbyville very grandly on the 8th inst. with his concert. Rev. Reasonover attended the funeral of Mr. Gus Brown last week. His son, Rev. Geo. Brown, of Nashville, is in the city. Dr. V. L. Turner has a new office. The fair is looked to as a grand time with the sons of Ham Dr. S. V. Talley was in the city on the 8th inst. James Owens, Ed. Russell, James Thompson, Charley Blakemore, Mrs. Late Lizard, Miss Mary J. Streeter, Mr. W. C. Cartright and wife, Mrs. Lottie Cowan, Miss Belle Burken, Perry Cannon and a host of others went to the entertainment. Mr. Skid McDavis was in the city on the 8th inst. We must speak good of our brothers of the church or not at all. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's.

"Skipped by the Light of the Moon."

Huntsville, Ala., Special.

Mrs. G. A. Henderson and little daughter, of Nashville, is visiting the family of Mr. J. B. Turner W. Clinton St. Mr. Robt Pleasant a former Huntsvillian and correspondent for The Freeman, but now of Hot Springs, Ark., is on a visit to friends and acquaintances here. Mr. and Mrs Donegan gave a delightful entertainment Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Henderson, who returned home Saturday. Julia, the beautiful wife of Columbus Horton, died last week of consumption. Mrs. Chas. Steer, of Montgomery, nee Miss Carter, of our city is here visiting relatives. Mr. Robt. Terrell, our popular barber, is lying ill at this writing, with chances against him. Sam Taylor and Julia Shandie, "skipped by the light of the moon" Friday night, and ere they were missed they were joined in the holly hands of matrimony. They left at 11:40 for Birmingham, their future home. Though married in haste may they not repent at leisure. Our friend Robt. Hunt was in from Normal Saturday.

Nice Weather for Picking Cotton.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

A few days ago Mrs. W. M. Lister died. Z. B. Baitty, Dick Stanford, Joe Hutson, of Rice, Tex., were in the city last week. Rev. J Lister, left for Rice, Tex., last Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Blunt and P. W. White, gave H. Gray and family a call recently. Henry Davis returned from the South last Saturday and reports a good time. Misses Birder, K. V. Devers and Lucy McCain have taken a trip to the country to spend the fall. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Grover Creek, were in the city last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Neal and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. O'Neal. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lister and Miss Gennetia Lister left for Chatfeal, Tex., to attend the funeral of her brother. Frank Roark has moved back to town and is going into business. Call on him boys, he will treat you nice. Give him a game of domino. We are having nice weather for cotton picking. Rev. M. J. Brook will leave for the country where he will spend a few days.

Articles on Miss Ida B. Wells Interesting.

Caldwell, Tenn., Special.

Among the many and most interesting articles in The Freeman, there are none that are more interesting than the ones pertaining to or bearing upon the actions of Miss Ida B. Wells. The ladies of this community; and the men as well, speak in glowing terms of her. Mrs. Ella Moore and Mrs. Susan Campbell say that The Freeman is just the paper for the Negro race.

Rev. E. W. Dangerfield is still carrying on his series of protracted meetings. His meetings have been successful so far. The public school at this place is doing a good work. Miss Minnie Greer, graduate from the English class of '94, of the Turner Normal and Industrial College, is in our midst, and is doing a noble work as assistant teacher in our school. Maggie Martin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shad Martin, is now smiling at Mr. Lee Phillips. The writer can and does say that we all appreciate your paper.

Fell and Broke His Neck.

Carlisle, Ark., Special.

We have had several picnics in this section this year. Crops are looking well. We have had a nice time in the protracted effort at F. M. Brooks' Baptist church. Public school at this place will close in two weeks from last Friday. There will be a grand time at the school house with the little boys and girls. On Sept. 1st a man by the name of Stanton met his death by falling from a load of hay. His neck proved to be broken. After the inquest was over the body was taken to the cemetery for burial at 10 p. m., by the order of the Justice of the Peace.

Christian Endeavor Social.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

C. P. Strophers is doing a profitable business in his grocery and confectionary store combined, corner Whiteside and White streets. Rev. and Mrs. Vann returned last week from Oklahoma Territory. The social under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society, Friday evening, at the First Congregational church, colored, was one of the most enjoyable affairs that has presented itself for quite a while. W. F. Jackson, ex-editor of the Observer, is out of the city. G. W. Jackson, Esq., the progressive coal dealer, subscribed for The Freeman one year. Mrs. Amanda Bowden spent Sunday with friends in Larkinsville, Ala. Mrs. Barnes left last week for her home in Nashville, after spending several weeks with her son, Chas. Barnes, on Popular street. The Freeman is the only illustrated, straightforward colored journal that exists. You can find it on sale every Saturday at Dr. O. W. James' drug store, 403 W. Ninth street

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